



*A founder of the artisan baking movement*

June 18, 2020

Dear Mr. Kanzaki and the entire Tom Cat Bakery Yokohama Team:

Congratulations on the grand opening of the Yokohama Tom Cat Bakery Shop! We are extremely excited for the wonderful opportunity to share our 33-year history of baking artisan breads with our friends in Japan.

Tom Cat Bakery began in 1987 with one chef's passion for authenticity and quality. New Yorkers recognize us by name and our iconic Tom Cat mascot logo. Our customers, and their customers, have savored our breads for decades in thousands of restaurants and shops throughout Manhattan. Our bakery is located under the 59th Street Bridge in Long Island City, just across the East River from the heart of New York City, where we bake delicious breads 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We are very proud of our artisan breads, masterfully crafted by our skilled and dedicated team members, using formulas and dough starters from as far back as 1987. New York's finest restaurants, sandwich shops, caterers and hotels rely on Tom Cat Bakery to provide exquisite breads delivered from our ovens to their doors within hours.

In the U.S.A., our energy and attention has primarily focused on wholesale baking, we believe the ideal way to offer our products to our friends in Japan is directly to customers through our retail bakery shop. This is a significant milestone for Tom Cat Bakery as we open our first retail bakery shop in the world! We are eager to begin this new journey with all of you and we are hopeful this will be just the first of many shops in Japan.

Warmest wishes for an exciting and successful grand opening.

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