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## Delivering "rice balls" to healthcare professionals

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With the convergence of the new coronavirus uncertain, a famous chef has begun efforts to deliver "rice balls" that are particular about local ingredients in order to encourage hospital staff working at the forefront of community medicine.

This was started by Chef Yoshihiro Narisawa, a restaurant in Minami Aoyama, Tokyo, which is known worldwide, and Chef Hisato Hamada, who runs a high-class Japanese beef restaurant, with the cooperation of sake breweries in various regions.

On the 23rd, the first event was held in tie-up with Toyama's representative sake brewery "Masuda Sake Brewery". Chef Narizawa, Chef Hamada, and local chefs are on the plaza in the Iwase district of Toyama City, where the brewery is located. 20 people gathered. Chefs and chefs cook carefully selected Koshihikari rice balls from Toyama prefecture using sake brewed water, and skillfully prepare about 400 rice balls with  $\nabla$  Himi tuna and  $\nabla$  deer simmered in shigure. I grabbed it.

After that, two chefs visited Toyama Red Cross Hospital in Toyama City and handed rice balls to Director Yoshio Hiraiwa.

Dr. Hiraiwa said, "Healthcare professionals work in tension every day. I would like to receive rice balls and cultivate the spirit of tomorrow." Chef Narizawa said, "I made it with all my thoughts in mind for the medical staff who are dealing with the new corona. The rice is cooked well, and I think it is the best result with the ingredients of Toyama's seafood and mountain food." I was talking.

The second of these efforts will take place in Fukushima Prefecture in March.

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