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To whom it may concern,

Danish Christian Mourier Havrehed plans to row a boat 2,000 km from Ningbo in China via Jeju in Korea, and south of Kyushu up to Shingu in Wakayama Prefecture in Japan. He will complete the rowing trip together with three others, a Japanese, a Korean and a Chinese.

The sailing route is called the Dongdu route, which is the legendary route of Xu Fu, who came from China to Japan via Jeju Island in Korea to search for the elixir of immortality under the order of the First Emperor during the Qin Dynasty.

Havrehed will begin the route on May 27 2023 and it will take a period of 45 to 60 days to reach Shingu in Japan. They will plan different activities at the stops and the trip will therefore give exposure to the ancient legend of Xu Fu as well as the historic temples. In this way, the project can provide an understanding of Japanese history and teach more about Japan's coasts and culture.

I believe that this project will contribute to the promotion of friendship and cultural exchange among the three great countries of Japan, China, and the Republic of Korea. I therefore hope that relevant organizations will support the realization of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "P. Taksøe-Jensen".

Peter Taksøe-Jensen,
Ambassador of Denmark to Japan