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Members of all National Association of Japan-America Societies

Dear NAJAS friends,

On behalf of NAAJS, I would like to express my thanks from the bottom of my heart and sincere appreciation to your members' kindness and sympathy for the victims of this tragic East Japan Earthquake/Tsunami.

Although three and a half months have passed since 3.11 disaster in Tohoku Japan, Japanese people is still facing severe problems of recovering from the extraordinary sufferings due to the Earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear reactor accident in Fukushima. However we Japanese now bear up these damages and are determined to overcome these massive disasters and hardships.

According to NAJAS website, I recognize that your charity fund raising efforts already exceeded \$18 million which is the embodiment of our two nations' friendship nurtured for many years and is the most encouraging and heartwarming support for the victims in the affected areas.

Immediately after the tragedy happened, your NAJAS fund raising on top of the Operation-Tomodachi conducted energetically by U.S. Forces really braced us most profoundly. These are none other than the proof of our two nations' trust and friendship. Finally I believe that Japan will become even safer and more prosperous country after the reconstruction and we need your continued support under the circumstances.

Sincerely


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