

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, on March 11, 2011, a massive earthquake and tsunami struck Japan's Tohoku (northeast) region, with an estimated death toll over 10,000 and many times more left homeless in harsh conditions. The subsequent Fukushima nuclear power plant accident and ongoing crisis is pushing us further into despair.

My family and I are very fortunate to be safe so far. It has been an overwhelming experience, but I am very touched by all your support and encouragement upon this unprecedented disaster. However, many of those who have lost their homes and families continue to face great sufferings and challenges of recovery.

In these difficult times, I feel that it is my responsibility as a survivor of this calamity to try my best to help those who are more affected regain hope and courage. Because of the many offers of support I received, I am attempting to coordinate donations for the sake of better restoring health to this greatly afflicted city.

I would like to ask for your continued contributions to reputable organizations in your country, such as the Red Cross or UNICEF. Alternatively you may consider **Save Sendai 311**, an organization I have started to distribute funds with greater flexibility and no overhead. Although large charities like the Red Cross Societies are admirable and trusted organizations, their size limits them to large grants to local governments or regional governments, which in turn distribute to smaller groups with no inter-national presence. I believe **Save Sendai 311** can more efficiently distribute funds directly to smaller groups as their needs arise. However, the larger organizations will certainly put your donation to good use if that is your preference.

If you would like to donate to **Save Sendai 311**, please refer to the information below. All contributions collected will be donated under my responsibility, with each individual contributor's name added.

For donations to Red Cross (please select "Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami"):

https://american.redcross.org/site/Donation2?idb=0&5052.donation=form1&df_id=5052

For donations to UNICEF (please select "Disaster in Japan"):

https://secure.unicefusa.org/site/Donation2?df_id=9640&9640.donation=form1

Alternatively, for donations to **Save Sendai 311** (wire):

Bank Name: The 77 Bank, Ltd.
SWIFT Code: BOSSJPJT
Branch Name: Ichibancho Branch
Branch Address: 4-10-20 Ichiban-cho, Aoba-ku
Sendai, Japan
Beneficiary: Save Sendai 311
(Representative: Junji Sugawara)
Account Number: 205-6133835

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
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