

Dear Friends,

On behalf of JSI members, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our friends for hearty consolatory letters.

Although we are accustomed to earthquakes, we have never experienced such a large scale of earthquake and tsunami. We have many JSI members living nearby the coastal areas where the earthquake and tsunami attacked and I am among them. Many universities and hospitals in the Northeastern area were damaged. Nuclear power plants are another source of grave concerns.

The situation is getting better slowly after the electricity came back. Warm words and supports from our friends abroad greatly encouraged us all. I assure you that we will rebuild our lives.

We are all looking forward to meeting you and discussing science with you in near future.

With my best regards,

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