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To the people of Europe,

Unprecedented damage has been caused by the great earthquake and tsunami which occurred in Japan's Tohoku Kanto Region on March 11, 2011. We offer our deepest condolences to the victims of this tragedy.

Regarding this matter, our office has been receiving phone calls and e-mail messages day after day, expressing deep concern about the safety of the people in the disaster-hit areas and words of encouragement. These messages come from the people of Paris, where our office resides, as well as from the people of other sister-cities of Osaka and the respective European cities where we have jointly held programs and events.

At this point, Osaka and the rest of western Japan have not been greatly affected by this earthquake disaster. However, damage in the disaster-hit areas around the Tohoku Region is grave. Even now, over 400 thousand people await assistance.

Based on lessons learned from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake that occurred in the Kansai region in January 1995, Osaka City has dispatched medical disaster relief teams and firefighters and provided relief goods for lifesaving and rescue operations in the affected area in cooperation with local governments.

Meanwhile, from our friends in Europe, we have received kindhearted offer, wishing to be of assistance to the affected population in some sort of way.

As to a Japan Earthquake Relief Fund, Osaka City Paris Office is working together with the Japanese Association in France (AARJF), which is the representing channel for donations. Your generous donation will be sent to the most effective and reliable account in Japan. Donations are accepted in cash or check (please make *l'ordre* to AARJF). For donations by mail, please send your donations to the Japanese Association in France (AARJF) and note "Donation" on the back of the envelope. For further information, please refer to the Japanese Association in France homepage (<http://www.nihonjinkai.fr>).

We are grateful to the people in Europe for your kind support and cooperation.

Osaka City Paris Office