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Dear Members of Indian JSPS Alumni Association,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your heartfelt concern about not only JSPS members but also those affected by the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan.

As you may know, the disaster has caused catastrophic damages in a wide range of areas in Japan, mainly in Tohoku region. More than two weeks have passed since the disaster, but it is not still clear exactly how many people have been victimized. It is said that the final number of victims could reach about 30,000. In addition, the nuclear power plants in Fukushima Prefecture that suffered damages by the disasters have been in critical condition and unrelenting and dedicated efforts by those concerned to prevent the worst-case-scenario situation have been still continued.

In fact, I am sorry to tell you that one of the JSPS staff members lost her parental house completely by the disaster, which still has forced her to spend days of deep sorrow. However, even among the vortex of the predicament that Japan has never experienced since World War II, Japanese researchers have been continuing, or trying to do their research. We, JSPS members, have supported them as well as securing their safety. So far, we have received many deep condolences and encouragements for the victims, sufferers, citizens and JSPS from all over the world. Your messages and intention to offer donations are great encouragement for us. I shared your messages with all JSPS staff members concerned, and all of them are also deeply grateful for your generosity and support.

The disaster indeed brought catastrophic damages to Japan but it also teaches us to recognize anew that there are so many people who are willing to give helping hands to the Japanese research community as well as JSPS. We are determined to continue our best endeavors in order to contribute to further enhancement of the Japanese scientific researches by bearing your kind words and friendship in mind.

I thank you again for your sincere sympathy and encouragement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Motoyuki Ono', written in a cursive style.

Motoyuki Ono
President
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