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Dear friends around the world,

During this time of hardship for Japan, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for your kind words and concern regarding the damage and loss caused by the Tohoku Pacific Ocean Earthquake and the following tsunami, which hit Japan's northeastern, Tohoku Region, on March 11, 2011.

While the Tohoku Region and parts of the Kanto Region have suffered severe devastation, western Japan, including Osaka and the Kansai Region, has experienced virtually no damage. Please be assured that everything is fine in Osaka, and in most of western Japan.

In accordance with requests from the City of Sendai, and the Japanese National Government, the City of Osaka, which experienced the Hanshin Awaji Great Earthquake in 1995, has sent its emergency medical team, firefighter troops and items such as drinking water to the affected areas.

The City of Osaka has emergency cooperation agreements with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and eighteen other Government Ordinance Designated Cities.

As a major city, it is our responsibility to provide support to the affected areas, and we are working hard with the Cities of Kyoto, Kobe and Sakai and with the Osaka Prefectural Government, to provide support to help them overcome this hardship.

As Mayor of Osaka, I am strongly committed to providing quick and continuous aid to the devastated areas, whether it be personnel, equipment, or supplies, to help the people in need.

Thank you again for the warm friendship you have shown during this difficult time for our country.

Sincerely yours,

Kunio Hiramatsu
Mayor

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