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Dear Dr Touré,

I have received with many thanks your letter of April 4<sup>th</sup>. Your warmhearted words are much appreciated. I apologize for the delay in replying to your letter.

Indeed, it was the strongest and massive earthquake and tsunami we experienced for some years past. Fortunately, I am relieved that we, The ITU Association of Japan, have suffered no loss at all, but as you know, many of the disaster victims are still suffering from unprecedented circumstances much to our regret.

I am sure your thoughtful message will greatly encourage all the people, especially people in the areas hit by the disaster, so that I wish to convey your message to those people in a certain way, such as through our HP if you don't mind for us to do so.

I share the same view that the Japanese ICT industry must take major initiatives in assisting the victims of the disaster. As you are aware, restoration works including re-establishing of ICT networks and services are rapidly making progress in the damaged region, however, it will be a long-term project for the local economy to fully return to normal.

In such a difficult time, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the worldwide support in various aspects and also the ITU's prompt initiative to provide assistance with emergency telecommunications including the provision of satellite mobile phones. As far as I know, these satellite mobile phones were immediately delivered to the regional headquarters for disaster restoration, and are utilized as valuable and vital communication tools.

I thank you for your kind invitation of the ITU Telecom World 2011. I am pleased to know that ITU would highlight the importance of ICTs in the domain of emergency telecommunications. As we recognize the importance of the Event in ITU activities, we are hoping to assist and facilitate the presence of Japanese ICT industry in the coming Event.

Lastly, I assure you of our desire to cooperate with you and friends in ITU all the time.

Yours sincerely,

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