



The Secretary-General

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Dear Mr. Mori,

I wish to express my solidarity and profound sorrow at the loss of life, injuries and human displacement as well as the extensive damage to property and infrastructure resulting from the earthquake and devastating tsunami that struck Japan recently. I hope The ITU Association of Japan will not be directly affected and wish all good luck to your association.

Re-establishing communications is a critical tool in disaster management to ensure timely intervention and support for the victims and to assist in rescue and rehabilitation efforts. The Japanese Government was immediately informed of ITU's readiness to provide assistance with emergency telecommunications required to assist the victims of the disaster and the delivery of logistics, and donated about 160 satellite mobile phones to Japan.

I am pleased to see a lot of progress in the recovery process and remain convinced that Japan will overcome this tragedy as it has already demonstrated in the past. In this difficult time, I have no doubt that the Japanese ICT industry will play a major role in the reconstruction efforts and will continue to contribute to the welfare of Japan's economy.

As you know, ITU Telecom World 2011 will be held in Geneva from 24-27 October. Viewing the importance of ICTs in the domain of emergency telecommunications, we would further highlight it at the Event. For your information, I have just sent my invitation to Prime Minister of Japan, inviting him to join the Event. I would also like to invite you to join the Event, to share your news with us. Be assured, once again, of ITU's solidarity in the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr Hamadoun I. Touré'.

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