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H E Mr Hideaki Domichi
Ambassador
Embassy of Japan
50 G Chanakyapuri
New Delhi – 110 021

Dear Ambassador,

It is with very great sorrow that I have been watching the devastation caused to life and property by the titanic tsunami. Nature's fury seems to have been at its worst. We pray that the brave people of Japan who rebuilt their wonderful country after the atom bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will again be able to build a great nation of peace and happiness. Our prayers are with the Government and the people of Japan.

When I was Founder President of the International Society of Mangrove Ecosystem (ISME) with its headquarters at Okinawa, I had advocated the regeneration of the mangrove forests of coastal Japan in order to serve as bioshields during tsunamis. I am sure that the post-tsunami reconstruction will include steps for the revival of the mangrove bioshields, in addition to other steps.

With my deep sorrow and prayers for the restoration of normal life soon.

Yours sincerely,

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