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Dear NAJAS Members,

Thank you for the reports regarding fund-raising in response to the earthquake and tsunami.

The total, as of April 15, 2011, is \$9M+ for the NAJAS network, covering 29 Societies in all. We have posted a breakdown on the members section of our website.

This is truly an amazing sum, far larger than we could have imagined and a testament to the strength of our network and the depth of its concern for Japan.

We are writing to congratulate all of you on this extraordinary effort. Our societies are here to foster cooperation and understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States. What better way than to offer direct help to those in need, quickly and compassionately, from our grassroots base.

We know that this effort has been a learning experience and a tremendous investment of your time. The decisions you make where to use these funds, as well as the many contacts you have made here in the US, will deepen the connections between the people of our two countries.

We at NAJAS will do our best to support your ongoing efforts and make the network's activities known to American and Japanese officials. In our conversations to date, both here and in Japan, the response has been sincere deep appreciation.

Again, great work by everyone!

All the best,

William R. Farrell  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman