## **United States-Japan Foundation**



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Dear NAJAS Members:

Peter Kelley has informed me of the extraordinarily generous response to the March 11 earthquake, tsunami and radiation disasters in Japan that your societies have generated across the country. The funds that you have raised for earthquake relief are a truly heartwarming indication of the close bonds between the American and Japanese people. It is also a measure of the importance which Japan-America Societies play across our country in providing a focal point for bringing our two nations together. Please let me thank and congratulate you for this wonderful demonstration of the close bonds between the U.S. and Japan. Your role in this relationship is more important today than ever, and you have risen to this occasion in a magnificent way!

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Sincerely,

George R. Packard

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