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Dear Mr Gary Neubert and Saficon Industrial Equipment (Pty) Ltd,

Thank you very much for your donation of R1,000,000 on March 28, 2011. Your donation will be sent to the Japanese Red Cross Society which allocates funds to the victims in the affected municipalities.

More than two months have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of 11 March 2011. Although our initial reaction of shock and disbelief has lessened somewhat, we are extremely saddened by the devastation wrought by this natural disaster. More than 15,000 lives were lost and the number of missing is well over 9,000 people. The number of those who survived and are living in shelters exceeds 110,000 people.

Japan faces its biggest challenge since the end of the Second World War sixty-five years ago. As Prime Minister Kan appealed to the Japanese nation, the people of Japan – who have overcome many crises in the past – are standing together to bounce back, proceed towards reconstruction and rebuild Japan.

The Embassy of Japan in South Africa has been overwhelmed by e-mails, faxes, letters and telephone calls from people residing in South Africa. We are deeply humbled by your thoughtfulness and warm friendship which you are extending to the people of Japan at this difficult time.

On behalf of the people of Japan, as well as my colleagues at the Embassy, I take this opportunity to say thank you very much for your sincere assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

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Toshiro OZAWA  
Ambassador of Japan