

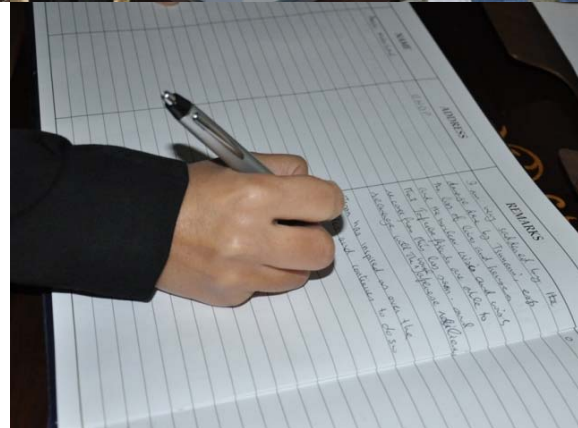
Solidarity Night for Japan



Friends of Japan in Pakistan show support and solidarity with the people of Japan affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami



The Country Director of the United Nations Development Programme Mr. Toshihiro Tanaka, organized a gathering of the Friends of Japan at his residence on 1st April 2011 in order to express solidarity with the Japanese people in this trying time. The event was named “expression of solidarity with the people of Japan”.



People from the Pakistani National Disaster Management Authority, International Humanitarian Organizations, United Nations and the Japanese Embassy participated. They recorded their condolences and messages of goodwill in a condolence book placed at the reception. “I would like to express my deepest condolence and heartfelt sympathy to the people and Government of Japan on this tragic earthquake and tsunami disaster” said Mr. Tanaka

Some excerpts from the condolence book:

“I express grief and solidarity with the people and Government of Japan on the terrible earthquake, tsunami and the nuclear power plant accident. We in NDMA have provided relief by sending two C-130 aircraft loads to Japan and are standing by for any other assistance that may be required. Japan has always generously helped Pakistan in its time of need and we stand committed to reciprocate. My prayers for all those who lost their lives”.

Lt. General ® Nadeem Ahmed, Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority, Pakistan

“My heartfelt sympathy to the brave, generous people of Japan, who have been so kind to people in less developed countries. Now the world is united in offering our solidarity to you. I particularly offer sympathy to the children, whose parents are devoted and admirable role models in their response to adversity”

Karen B. Allen, Deputy Representative, UNICEF



“My heart, my soul and my blood feels for the people of Japan, lets get together to keep this planet going with peace, justice and love”

Alice H Shackelford, Country Director, UNWOMEN

“Personal and family feelings go out to the people of Japan, who are showing so much resilience while dealing with this disaster”

Foteini Rantsiou, UNOCHA

“Thanks for organizing this event. I hope Japan could get over this crisis soon”

Yasuhiko Yuge, The World Bank

“Times of great tragedy reveal the character of the people. Japanese with their courage, discipline and selflessness have made the world proud”

Faiza Effendi, UNDP

“I would like to thank Mr. Tanaka and all the people gathered here today, for Japan. I hope everything will recover like before and all of the Japanese citizens”

Takashi Matsumoto, Embassy of Japan

“The hearts and minds of the people of Pakistan are with their Japanese brothers and sisters in this challenging time”.

Mr. Shiraz Ali Shah, UNDP

