

Dear my friends in Canada,

KON'NICHI WA! Long time has passed since I had met you last time in Canada.

I am Makoto SAKURADA, a Japanese singer, song writer.

I have stayed as a student in Canada for a year when I was a student of a university in Japan, and my city, Towada, keeps the twinning relationship with Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. These bonds brought me to my concert tour in Canada arranged by the Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association (A/JTMA) in 2009. As I can still remember that I was able to share very impressive experiences with the citizens of the A/JTMA municipalities, I am still filled with the feeling of gratitude shared with you all at that time. Thank you very much for giving me such wonderful chances.

Unfortunately, however, only two years after the happy experience, Japan had a disastrous great earthquake unprecedented in Japanese recorded history, on March 11, 2011. Watching the cruel and catastrophic scenes in which my friends living in the TOHOKU (Eastern-Northern) area were involved, I was shocked out of my wits for a while, but went, wherever possible, supporting and saving the sufferers several times as a TOHOKU JIN (Tohoku person) living in the same area.

Especially, the area around the Japanese Eastern-Northern coast, called "SANRIKU", facing the Pacific Ocean was completely devastated by the earthquake and the greatest TSUNAMI ever recorded in the Japanese history. Because there were many sufferers such as "evacuees at home" living completely damaged places that even the governmental support could not reach, one of my friends in IWATE prefecture, one of the most heavily damaged by the TSUNAMI, set up a project and enabled me to support the recovery continuously through music. Please visit the web site bellow.

SANRIKU Recovery Support Project, Next

<http://www.project-next.com/projectNext/Top.html>

A song titled "Pray for Japan" delivered from the web site is downloaded by many people all around the world and Japan, and finances the recovery supporting activities.

PRAY FOR JAPAN

<http://www.project-next.com/projectNext/Song002.html>

"KIKASETE" (Let me Hear)

<http://www.project-next.com/projectNext/Song003.html>

"PRAY FOR JAPAN CONCERT TOUR" that started in August last year has also given 10 big concerts around Japan and shaped a great and wonderful supporting circle.

People in the TOHOKU area is now working to overcome the damages and

devastation caused by the earthquake and TSUNAMI and heading toward the recovery. They all are marching ahead believing the bright future.

PRAY FOR JAPAN and I have made the concert tour sharing such thoughts with people all around Japan.

And, this time, out of my deep gratitude for people sharing this desire for the recovery in foreign countries, I would like to give a world tour.

I would like to visit at first Alberta, Canada, which has the deepest bond with me, in this September. I hope you, all Albertans, will weave up your hope and wish and give all your favor for Japan.

I look forward to the day I can meet you all again.

LOVE AND PEACE
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