



CITY OF SENDAI
JAPAN

October 28, 2011

The Honorable Mike Rawlings
Mayor
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla Street, Room 5EN
Dallas, Texas 75201
U.S.A.

Dear Mayor Rawlings:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your continued support of the international friendship relationship between Dallas and Sendai.

I deeply appreciate the encouraging messages from your city after the earthquake and tsunami hit Sendai on March 11. I am grateful that the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth actively engages in disaster relief efforts such as fundraising for the Sendai Relief Fund and organizing charity events. I would like to thank you for the warm support we have received from Dallas.

Eight months will soon pass since the earthquake and tsunami and the City of Sendai is making steady progress towards the reconstruction of the city. Our main challenges are to focus on rebuilding the lives of those living in the affected areas, improving the local economy; especially the agricultural and tourist industries that were hit hard, as well as developing a new city with advanced disaster prevention approaches based on the disaster experiences of our citizens.

We are making every possible effort towards the re-establishment of the city by working together with our citizens, and we hope to receive your continued support.

Lastly, I wish you every success and the further prosperity of the City of Dallas.

Sincerely,

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Emiko OKUYAMA
Mayor
City of Sendai