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Professor Kazuo Shigemasu
President, Japanese Psychological Association
Tokyo, Japan

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Dear Professor Shigemasu,

I am writing to you to express the heartfelt condolences of the International Union of Psychological Science to the Japanese people, in the wake of the catastrophic earthquake, tsunami and its tragic human, environmental and economic consequences. Our thoughts are particularly with those who have lost loved ones and suffered other distress.

While Japanese society has undoubted great strength in overcoming challenge, the IUPsyS wishes to support Japanese psychologists, and the Japanese Psychological Association. As you may know, the Union has built up expertise in how national associations can develop programs for psychological support following disasters. In addition to the information available on the Union website, we will do our best to facilitate access to the wide expertise represented within the Union where this would be of assistance.

As circumstances in Japan evolve in the coming weeks, please let us know if there are ways we can assist the Japanese Psychological Association. We shall respond promptly to such a request.

You and your colleagues will be in our thoughts during this time.

Sincerely,



Rainer K Silbereisen
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