## A Message from the Ambassador and Consul-General on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake

11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Until now we, and our fellow Japanese citizens, still remember the outpouring of sympathy and the kind assistance offered by the people of Hong Kong and Macau, in the form of donations and charitable events etc., and we sincerely appreciate your heartfelt concern.

Thanks to all your support, five years after the Great East Japan Earthquake the affected areas have now achieved a steady recovery. I hope the people of Hong Kong and Macau will visit Tohoku, Japan to witness first hand the progress made towards recovery and how the people there have overcome various difficulties and are working energetically to redevelop the area. I would be delighted if you could also enjoy the natural scenery there, including the beautiful cherry blossoms.

May I once again express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the sympathy and concern from the people of Hong Kong and Macau.

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