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**Subject: To ASPnet schools, principals, teachers and students:
Message of Solidarity for Japan**

Dear principals, teachers and students of UNESCO Associated Schools in Japan,
Dear ASPnet National Coordinator,

At this time of loss and bereavement, we would like to express our sense of shock and sadness at the terrible events that have unfolded in Japan in recent weeks, especially the devastation that has struck the area of Miyagi and its neighbouring prefectures.

Words cannot express our sorrow over these tragic events and we would like to offer our sincere sympathy and condolences at this time. We wish a rapid recovery for all those who have been injured in this disaster.

We are aware of the enormous struggles facing your country now and are very touched by the bravery and patience of the Japanese people of all ages in their response to these multiple disasters.

Moreover, we would like to express our deepest solidarity to the ASPnet schools that have been affected by these tragic events and especially those in Kesenuma, Sendai and Iwanuma, Miyagi Prefecture, and in neighbouring prefectures such as Iwate and Fukushima. We sincerely hope that pupils and teachers will soon recover and rebuild their lives in the best possible way.

Please be assured of our sincere concern and solidarity in these difficult times.

Mark Richmond
Director

cc : Japanese National Commission for UNESCO
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