

Ambassador Ito's message on the occasion of the 10 year anniversary since the Great East Japan Earthquake

Japan and New Zealand, both lands of volcanoes and earthquakes, were each hit by enormous tragedies in 2011. Despite severely suffering themselves due to the Canterbury Earthquake not even 3 weeks prior, New Zealand sent an urban search and rescue team to help us in the days directly after the disaster in Japan. Many New Zealand people in the Government, our sister cities, and private sector have provided enormous assistance to us.

The Japanese people will never forget the kindness, goodwill and solidarity shown to us by the people of New Zealand. I am so grateful for Foreign Minister Mahuta's message about the strong ties between Japan and New Zealand on the occasion of the 10 year anniversary since the Great East Japan Earthquake. I sincerely thank all of New Zealand.

-Ambassador of Japan to New Zealand, ITO Koichi

<https://twitter.com/NanaiaMahuta/status/1369819947635859464>

