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Dear Dr. Weissman,

I would like to thank you very much for the sympathy and solidarity you conveyed to me in response to the catastrophic earthquake that has struck Japan.

Because of its geographic location in a very active seismic region, Japan has learned over the course of its history to live with earthquakes and their aftereffects.

Nevertheless, the indescribable power of this earthquake struck us such that the number of victims and the extent of the damage cannot yet be ascertained, and the reconstruction of the affected areas will demand time and energy.

I greatly appreciate the expressions of profound sympathy and readiness to assist which have been extended to my country both in Germany and around the world in the face of this tragedy. I am certain that this compassion is a source of comfort to the affected people in the time of their distress.



Dr. Takahiro Shinyo  
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