

2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund

Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York and The Nippon Club raise \$1.46 million for Japan Disaster Relief through the 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund. [» Please click here for details](#)

Donations are 100% tax-deductible. Deadline for contributions: March 31, 2012

1. Check is the preferred method of payment. If you would like to pay by bank transfer, please email us at info@jcciny.org for details.

*Checks should be made payable to the J.C.C. Fund and on the memo portion of the check please write "Japan Earthquake Relief Fund".

2. Please send checks to:

J.C.C. Fund

145 West 57th Street

New York, NY 10019

*Along with the check, please provide the following information:

(COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS)

Company Name, Head of Company and Title, Address, Contact Person's Name with Phone Number and Email

(INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS)

Name, Address, Phone Number and Email

[» Please click here for details](#)

Edgemont High School Student Leads Japan Relief Fundraising Efforts



JCCI received the below text (in Japanese translated to English) as an email from Kozue Iwasaki, a student at Edgemont High School in Westchester, NY in connection with the fundraising efforts that she led at her school to raise donations for the 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund:



My name is Kozue Iwasaki and I am a 12th grade student at Edgemont High School. My classmates and I are raising contributions for Japan earthquake relief.



We wanted to do something for Japan and were thinking about how we could help, so we decided to have a bake sale in March. I asked some of my classmates to help. I received quick responses from not only Japanese students but other students as well that they wanted to help. The Japanese students and their parents made Onigiri (Japanese rice balls) and non-Japanese students made cookies and cakes for the Bake Sale. We sold them for \$1 each, and eventually, we raised \$930.25.



Edgemont High School is a small school and we didn't plan this much in advance, so we didn't expect to raise so much money, so we were very glad to see how much we raised. I think that with a huge disaster like this one in Japan, the most important thing is to send as much money as possible to help.

We were able to raise a lot of money for relief efforts and heard that Nippon Life Insurance made matching gift doubling the amount that we raised. It would be great if we could help Japan by sending donation to the Japan disaster areas from America.

Also, I think we should continue fundraising, so our International Cultural Exchange Club is going to sell Yaki-soba (Japanese fried noodles)

at the International Day this Friday at school and we will donate the profits to Japan.

We are going to sell "Pray for Japan" bracelets at the school. We really hope that we can provide as much help as possible to Japan.

Kozue Iwasaki

U.S. Educators Program Participants support Earthquake Relief Efforts



Many past participants of the U.S. Educators Program have sent us information about the fundraising efforts they have spearheaded at their schools and districts to benefit Japan earthquake relief efforts. Some of the many school districts involved in relief efforts include: Eastchester (NY), Fort Lee (NJ), Greenwich (CT), Harrison (NY), Paramus (NJ), Port Washington (NY), Rye City (NY)

--- 2011 JCCI's U.S. Educators Program ---

Due to concerns about the recent disaster in Japan, the leadership of the JCCI as well as the 2011 U.S. Educators Program Task Force Committee have decided to postpone the U.S. Educators Program until the summer of 2012.

» [JCCI's U.S. Educators Program](#)

Fundraising Event with Olympic Figure Skater Fumie Suguri



JCCI and The Nippon Club (in cooperation with Waseda University's New York Alumni Association) held a talk by Japanese Olympic Figure Skater Fumie Suguri and reception at The Nippon Club on March 23rd with proceeds going to support the J.C.C. Fund's 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund.

Japan-US Chorus Charity Concert for Sendai



On May 20th, the Japan-US Chorus Charity Concert for Sendai was held at Carnegie Hall featuring several choral groups including the Hagi Japanese Choir of Sendai Japan along with The Alexandria Harmonizers of Alexandria, VA. Proceeds raised from this event support the J.C.C. Fund's 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund.

English:

http://www.japanuschorus.org/index_eng.html

Japanese:

<http://www.japanuschorus.org/index.html>

JAPAN BENEFIT CONCERT MAY 13 2011 IN NEW YORK

Come and Join Our Efforts to Help the Recovery of Japan and the Japanese People

Japan Benefit Concert May 13 at 7:30 pm

Good Shepherd-Faith Church
152 West 66th Street, New York, NY 10023



Robert Mats (Violin)
Nicholas Mann (Viola)
David Ceber (Cello)
Charles Niedich (Conductor/Clarinet)
Samuel Rhodes (Violin)
Isidoro Najera (Violin)
Mayuki Fukuhara (Violin)
Naoko Tanaka (Violin)
Alan Kay (Clarinet)
Ayako Oshima (Clarinet)

Save Japan Chamber Orchestra
Miyuki Oishi (Vcl)
William Rynia (Vcl)
Helen Sullivan (Vcl)
Karin Fuji (Flt)
Leonard Hovell (Flt)
Yuki Higashi (Flt)
Ruan Yamamoto (Flt)
Yuki Ito (Flt)
and more

Please check our website for the complete list of musicians.

Program:
W.A. Mozart: Adagio for 2 Clarinets and 3 Bassett Horns in Bb, K.417
W.A. Mozart: Clarinet Concerto in A major, K.614
J.S. Bach: Concerto for two violins, BWV 1043
W.A. Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola, K.364
B. Bartók: Folk songs, arranged by Robert Mann

Tickets \$20
For student tickets information, check our website
To reserve tickets:
Website: <http://www.gpsangny.com>
Tel: (212) 752-4733 or email: savejapan13@gmail.com

All the performers are donating their services ensuring that 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that hit near Sendai. Funds will be donated to the J.C.C. Fund's 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund.

Maki Hamada (General Manager) Sponsored by JCI/NIJ

This classical concert was held on May 13 at Good Shepherd-Faith Presbyterian in New York. All the performers donated their talents and services ensuring that 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales went directly toward benefitting the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that hit near Sendai. Funds were donated to the J.C.C. Fund's 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund.

» [For more information](#)



NOTES FOR JAPAN: Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert



On May 1, 2011, "NOTES FOR JAPAN" Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert was held at the Performance Art Center at Purchase College in Purchase, NY with all ticket sales and donations benefitting J.C.C. Fund's 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Fund. This event was produced by Save Japan at Purchase College, sponsored by Purchase Student Government Association and supported by JCCI, J-Collabo and Purchase College.

» [For more information](#)

Harlem for Japan Benefit Concert



The City College of New York, Community Works, The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, The Harlem Arts Alliance, the Office of State Assemblyman Keith Wright, Voza Rivers/New Heritage Theatre Group and Katsuya presented the benefit concert "Harlem for Japan" on April 19, 2011, with proceeds donated to the J.C.C. Fund's 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Fund.

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JCCI Member Companies' Relief Efforts

We are so appreciative of the support of our member companies for Japan disaster relief through monetary contributions and company matching programs. Below are just a few examples of how our NY area-based member companies have gone above and beyond for relief efforts:

ITO EN (North America) INC.

Together with the ITO EN Group, ITO EN (North America) INC. has donated 1 million bottles of tea and water to the disaster victims of Japan. The company continues to support community activities to help the ongoing recovery efforts for the people in Japan.

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Touched by the tragic events unfolding in Japan, Matthew Dunn, Partner at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, has kindly offered free assistance to JCCI members (and their friends) who have questions about business or personal immigration matters due to the recent disaster in Japan. Please see the "Immigration Issues Related to Disaster in Japan" section below for further details.

Mitsubishi International Corporation Chemicals Group

At its annual National Petrochemical & Refiners Association (NPRA) reception for customers and suppliers, MIC Chemicals Group gave their guests an opportunity to donate to Japan disaster relief efforts. The event was jointly hosted by Mitsubishi International Corporation and Mitsubishi Corporation. The J.C.C. Fund's 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund was one of the recipient organization of this fundraising effort.

Shiseido USA

Shiseido USA took to social media to spread the word about Japan disaster relief efforts. On their official Facebook page, Shiseido USA posted that they are matching contributions made by Shiseido US employees. The 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund was one of the recipient organizations of this fundraising effort.

The Best 30 Charity Golf Tournament

A number of JCCI member companies are sponsoring The Best 30 Charity Golf Tournament to be held July 30-31 and August 6, 2011 with proceeds going to Japan earthquake relief. The event sponsors include American Airlines, Brother International Corporation, Daiei Trading Co., Inc., H.I.S. International Tours (NY) Inc., ITO EN (North America) INC., J.ONE Corporation, The Kitano New York Hotel, Mitsui Fudosan America, Inc., SAPPORO U.S.A., INC., and YT Resolution Services, LLC.

Latest News & Information from Japan

Daily updated reports about various aspects of the disaster in Japan from the Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

» [Click here for information in English](#)

» [Click here for information in Japanese](#)

Links for news, updates and locating individuals

--- ENGLISH INFORMATION ---

International Red Cross's FamilyLinks website

– Restoring contact with people in disaster-affected areas

<http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/web/doc/siterf10.nsf/htmlall/familylinks-japon-eng>

Google Crisis Response

– People finder, alerts and transit status

<http://www.google.co.jp/intl/ja/crisisresponse/japanquake2011.html>

Japan's National Police Agency

– Update on damage status

<http://www.npa.go.jp/english/index.htm>

Miyagi Prefectural Police

– General Information

<http://www.police.pref.miyagi.jp/hp/multi-lang/english.html>

--- JAPANESE INFORMATION ---

グーグルCrisis Response

災害に関する情報や被害状況をリアルタイムで更新。災害掲示板、避難所情報、ライフラインなどの情報が一括してまとめられています。

<http://goo.gl/saigai>

国際赤十字（ICRC）安否確認サイト

<http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/web/doc/siterf10.nsf/htmlall/familylinks-japon-jap>

宮城県警のサイト「行方不明者の方々の一覧」（宮城県警ウェブサイト）

<http://www.police.pref.miyagi.jp/>

岩手・宮城・福島県の行方不明者相談ダイヤル（警察庁ウェブサイト）

<http://www.npa.go.jp/archive/keibi/biki/index.htm>

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Immigration Issues Related to Disaster in Japan

In response to the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan, JCCI has received kind offers from two leading immigration law firms, Goldstein & Lee, P.C. and Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, to offer pro bono services to those affected by recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. In addition, a link to a recent article by the USCIS about the affect of the disaster on immigration status is below for your reference.

Goldstein & Lee, P.C.

The U.S. law firm of Goldstein & Lee, P.C., headquartered in The Nippon Club in New York City, would like to offer its legal services to members of the Japanese community within the United States concerning their current U.S. immigration status resulting from the recent natural disaster in Japan. Goldstein & Lee, P.C., in association with the Law Offices of Richard S. Goldstein in London, has focused its firm on U.S. immigration law and consular visa issues for over 30 years and has substantial Japanese business clientele. Mr. Goldstein has travelled to Japan every year for 30 years and established our unique ability to assist Japanese clients. He will be flying to Japan in April and is expected to be back as well in June and October to show our firm's continuing support to our many clients and friends in Japan. In lieu of their standard consulting fee, they are requesting instead that a donation be made to 2011 Northeastern Japan Earthquake Relief Fund set up by JCCI and The Nippon Club to aid victims of the disaster in Japan.

To make an appointment to meet with their Managing Partner, Tammy Lee, or their Japanese Client Manager, Maiko Fuke, please email Ms. Fuke directly at maiko@lorsg.com or call their office at: 212-957-0500.

この度の東北地方太平洋沖地震により被災されました方々に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。被災地の一日も早い復興を祈念いたします。

ニューヨークの日本クラブにオフィスをおく米国移民法法律事務所、ゴールドスティーン&リー法律事務所およびロンドンにオフィスをおくりチャード・ゴールドスティーン法律事務所は、数多くの日本企業からの依頼を受け、30年以上移民・非移民ビザ取得手続きに従事してまいりました。

当事務所は、震災の影響でアメリカから出国出来ない日本人の方々を対象に、リーガルサービスを提供することに致しました。法律相談費をお支払いになる代わりに、ご寄付をお願い申し上げます。

お問い合わせは福家までご連絡ください。(電話 : 212-957-0500 Email: maikofuke@lorsg.com)

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For inquiries, please contact Mr. Dunn directly as below:

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Update from USCIS

Link to article on USCIS Website updated March 17, 2011:

[» USCIS Reminds Japanese Nationals Impacted by Recent Disaster of Available Immigration Benefits](#)