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Message on 2011 Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake

On behalf of the Japan Chemical Industry Association, I would like to express heartfelt sympathy to all persons and families who suffered loss in the devastating Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake and Tsunami of March 11, 2011. It is a very sorrowful time for all of us and I can think of no words to comfort those affected by this unprecedented disaster. We are grateful for the outstanding efforts of the rescue workers and response teams from Japan and from around the world that are providing support and assistance during this most difficult time.

The earthquake has caused serious damage to the power supply infrastructures of the Tokyo Electric Power Company and Tohoku Electric Power Company, and as a result there is an electricity shortage in not only the disaster-affected areas but throughout Kanto as well. Voluntary power-saving efforts and scheduled blackouts have severely affected industrial activity and everyday life.

The chemical industry has been seriously impacted by the disaster. To respond to the difficult environment surrounding our operations, the Japan Chemical Industry Association has formed an Emergency Response Headquarters which I will lead in assessing damage to our industry, providing member companies with updates, and maximizing support for recovery.

Japan and the chemical industry will persevere in the worst disaster Japan has experience this century and provide unreserved support to rebuilding efforts. I am confident that by unifying, Japan can and will overcome this national crisis.

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