



MIYAGI PREFECTURE  
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The March 11, 2011 magnitude 9.0 earthquake and catastrophic tsunami is an event no one will ever forget. In one split second, we lost our family, friends, employment, property and memories. Smiles vanished from our faces. Anguish and despair overran our emotions.

In the middle of such turmoil, the international community immediately united together to offer its unconditional support and words of encouragement to the people of Miyagi Prefecture. The acts of kindness and messages gave us hope and courage to start taking steps forward.

On behalf of Miyagi Prefecture, I express my sincerest gratitude to the people around the world for their generous assistance and benevolence.

I promise to come together as one with our citizens to overcome these obstacles, rebuild a Miyagi that the world would be proud of. We will show our smiling faces again to our international friends. This will be our symbol of appreciation to world.

Finally, with your continued support and prayers, I will make certain our future generations are aware of that destructive day and the revitalization of Miyagi Prefecture.

*Goshihiro Murai*

Governor  
Miyagi Prefecture

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