



Message from the Ambassador of Canada to Japan

The catastrophic events of March 11th in Tohoku have changed the lives and perspectives not only of the Japanese people, but also of people from all corners of the globe. Canadians have conveyed their sympathies to those who lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods, and have contributed generously to assist in efforts to rebuild lives and communities.

Canada will continue to offer to assist as Japan moves to recovery and reconstruction. And by working together internationally, we can support a more secure and more prosperous global community.

The goodwill that permeates the Canada Japan Kids for Kids Cloth Letter Project represents the power of people-to-people ties. A special gift from Canada delivered to Tohoku, the "Kids for Kids" quilt letter that includes patches of artwork with messages from over 500 Canadian youth, shows that Canada cares and stands by Japan. And the quilt's Japan tour started with a second part of this Japan-Canada youth project on July 1st 2011, Canada's 144th birthday, in Yuriage.

Youth in Tohoku can take part by creating patches in response to the Canadian quilt letter. The Tohoku patches will be sewn into a quilt and will arrive at the Embassy of Canada at the same time as the Canadian one and together, they will be displayed in the Embassy's Prince Takamado Gallery later this year.

We are pleased to be a part of this program, and look forward to seeing your quilt letter in Tokyo.

Yours sincerely,



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Ambassador