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About the Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake and its impact on Chemistry Letters

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As a result of the Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake of March 11, 2011 a huge tsunami was unleashed creating an unprecedented disaster particularly in the coastal regions.

We express our deep sorrow for the huge loss of life resulting from this tragedy, and extend our sincerest condolence to those who have experienced loss from this situation.

We pray from the heart that those in need can quickly return to their everyday life.

We are currently making efforts to confirm the well being of authors and editors who may have been adversely affected by the earthquake, however due to extensive damage to communications there remains some uncertainty. We hope that everyone emerges unharmed and would be very grateful if those who may have been affected would send us a message letting us know how they are.

Beginning with Tohoku University, University of Tsukuba, and the National Institute for Materials Science, a great deal of damage has been reported from many research facilities.

As a result, there is concern that review of submitted manuscripts will be inevitably delayed. Although the publishing office will to the extent possible work with other reviewers, delays, and other inconvenience is likely. In that event, we ask for your understanding of the situation.

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Komiyama Printing in Sendai, and due to the location sustained significant damage to production and management facilities as well as injuries to employees. Because of the damage to the facilities and supply lines, normal operations have been temporarily halted.

As a result, **delays in publication of the April and later issues of *Chemistry Letters*, delays in the preparation and posting of reprints (printed version) and invoices of the March issue, and prioritizing web publication will cause considerable inconvenience** and for this we sincerely apologize.

With all our strength we are resolved to working with Komiyama Printing and the *Chemistry Letters* editorial board towards restoration of the quake stricken area and resumption of normal operation. We will provide updates as prospects become clear. We intend to respond to the situation in good faith. We face a very serious situation and ask for your understanding.

We pray from the heart for safety and a speedy recovery for everyone.



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