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Concerning the Efforts of *Chemistry Letters* towards Earthquake Recovery

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First, we offer condolences for the many precious lives that were lost in an instant, and pray for their eternal peace.

Furthermore, those afflicted and their families in addition to being stricken physically and psychologically must face a drastically altered lifestyle, which must be an unbearable experience. We offer our heartfelt condolence.

Seeing the terrible spectacle of affected regions and realizing that many of our readers and contributing authors lived and worked in these areas is horrifying. We pray everyday for the well being of everyone. We sincerely bow to those who despite the danger take on the important responsibility of rebuilding after the calamity. We pray from the heart for a rapid recovery.

We are trying to put the two weeks after the quake quickly behind us. Seeing the calamity expand everyday, we in the unaffected areas collect donations, conserve electricity, and in some cases send relief supplies making the greatest possible effort. We can do no more than that.

We have been thinking about what we, and only we, can do.

- (1) For submitting authors in the affected regions, we offer to provide Open Access on request for 2011 papers free of charge and a fee waiver for publication of submitted papers.

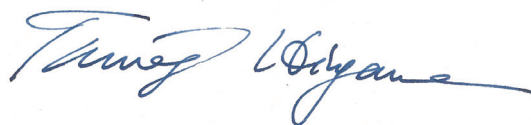
- (2) To university libraries in the Tohoku region and Ibaraki prefecture that sustained damage, we are offering previous issues of *Chemistry Letters* (2009, 2010, and 2011 issues. The number of complete sets that can be sent is limited.)
- (3) For individuals who have lost previously submitted manuscripts, we shall provide replacement PDF data according to request.
- (4) We also will have a portion of the revenue from *Chemistry Letters* online pay-per-view articles used for assisting those affected by the disaster.

Because of this earthquake, a mood of restraint is spreading across the country, and beyond the directly affected regions, growth of the entire country has stagnated, the future prospects for the economy, technology, and many other facets have become unclear, conditions that invite a sudden slump.

As before, we at *Chemistry Letters* are prepared to continue unsparing effort toward transmitting with speed and certainty throughout the world the important research results from our contributors both in and outside of Japan.

Beginning with chemistry, we the editorial board of *Chemistry Letters* believe revitalization of the promotion of technology will help recovery from the catastrophic earthquake, and more than ever extend our efforts.

Again, we pray from the heart for a rapid recovery.



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