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Dear Mr. Kawaguchi,

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, I would like to thank the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre for your generous donation of \$100,000.

To date the Canadian Red Cross has received \$18.7 million in donations to our Japan Earthquake and Tsunami appeal, with \$12 million already transferred to the Japanese Red Cross (JRC). I can assure you that all funds transferred by the Canadian Red Cross will be used to assist the people affected by this terrible tragedy. We have a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Japanese Red Cross stipulating that funds from the Canadian Red Cross will be dedicated to efforts undertaken by the Japanese Red Cross Society in post earthquake and tsunami emergency relief and recovery. These activities include:

- The Japanese Red Cross is mandated in the national relief plan to provide emergency health services and has mobilized 45 National Disaster Assistance Teams – with over 2,000 staff – who are assisting in assessments, first aid, medical/health services and psycho-social support
- 382 medical teams from a nationwide network of 92 hospitals across the country have been deployed to date and an additional 173 teams are now being mobilized – to date 25,694 people have been treated by these teams
- Field clinics have been established, as well as mobile clinic services for remote locations
- Distribution of relief items is ongoing, including over 125,000 blankets to date and an additional 100,000 more are being sent to affected areas, 183,500 pieces of clothing and six 10 ton trucks plus one trailer with equipment and tools needed for clearing debris
- In addition to psychosocial activities conducted by medical teams, six special psychosocial teams have been deployed to assist those coping with the trauma of this tragedy

While relief activities continue and long-term needs are assessed, the focus of the JRC is shifting to early recovery. In some places, the construction of pre-fabricated shelters has started. The Government is building approximately 70,000 shelters and the JRC is planning for the provision of electrical appliance items such as refrigerators, washing machines, rice cookers, televisions, electric water pots and microwave ovens for those families who are moving into shelters. Additional recovery efforts will be determined as needs are identified.

Thank you for entrusting the Canadian Red Cross with your generous donation. I look forward to seeing you at the Sakura Ball this weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Kelusky".

Ron Kelusky  
Director General, Ontario Zone