

Message of Gratitude
From Kancho Hirokazu Kanazawa

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It is with great pleasure and gratitude for me to report to you that because of the generosity and goodwill of our Karate family around the world Donations to victims of the March earthquake in Japan have reached the level of 10 million Japanese Yen as of the end of May. These results have been reported from time to time in our web site. This entire amount of donations had been transferred to Dr. Hideo Kanazawa's Tsunami Fund Account (He was reappointed to the General Manager of SKIF Iwate Prefecture Head Quarters since the passing away of Sensei Ito Shiro).

Last week, I was in Iwate Prefecture in the Tsunami stricken area witnessing the delivery of 6.7 million Yen in cash to the victims. Arrangements were made by the local governments as well as by our branches and by Dr. Hideo Kanazawa. The balance of 3.2 million Yen remains in Dr. Hideo Kanazawa's Tsunami Fund Account for further supports Karate activities. Supports had been made to the followings:

Yamada : Yamada Town Office

The late Ito Sensei's Home : Mrs. Akiko Ito, 5th Dan,
Hiroshi Sasaki, New Branch Manager, 3rd Dan
SKIF Yamada Branch, Yamada High School victims

Miyako : Miyako City Office

Miyako Arena : SKIF Miyako , Hakubukai , Taro Branches,
Miyako High School, Miyako Kita High School victims

Iwaizumi: Iwaizumi Town Office

Hotel Ryusendo: Omoto Branch victims

100 days have passed since the March 11th, but however I sadly observe that in many areas scars of Tsunami disaster still remain and also many people are still suffering and their lives are not yet back to normal. Many livelihoods especially in the fishery industry are in great difficulty. And many refugees are still living in shelters and are looking for jobs. So I feel we still need to give further supports to Dr. Hideo Kanazawa's Fund.

But I am heartened and amazed that victims are far from gloomy and are eagerly looking for a bright future. I am also very proud of my elder brother, Kanbei Kanazawa who is 90 years old. Even he has lost everything including his house he is still actively working for the recovery of the fishery industry and also the rehabilitation of the town.

I wish to thank you once again for your goodwill and generosity. For further update please go to the "Photo Gallery" page of our Web site.

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