

Mr. Paddy Crumlin  
President  
ITF

Dear President Crumlin,

First of all I should like to express our deepest appreciation to you for your warm support. Many of our members affected by the March 11 disaster have regained certain stability in their life; some of them have settled in new houses and others have purchased daily commodities and new automobiles. In inland areas too members have rebuilt the broken houses and actively engaged in work and union activities.

We managed to purchase new busses as many of the busses were washed away by the tsunami thanks to financial contribution received from bus operators around the nation. The company office in Ohunato City, Iwate Prefecture, that was washed away, has been re-opened on a higher ground. Since the bus terminal in Rikuzen-Takata city has not been re-opened yet due to delay in the urban re-development planning, the office in neighboring Ohunato provides services in and around Rikuzen Takata city too.

Considering that we were at a loss for where to start immediately after the disaster, we have made a great progress and it is all thanks to your kind support. We are resolved to continue our efforts to reconstruct the stricken areas and commit ourselves to labour movement in cooperation with friends all over the world.

On behalf of our members, I once again would like to express my deepest gratitude to you for your solidarity.

Yours sincerely,

Shozo Sato  
President  
Iwate Prefectural Transport Workers Union  
(a member of General Federation of Private Railway & Bus Workers Unions (Shitetsu-Soren))

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the ITF,

I passed the ITF financial contribution to Ms. Yukari Abe, widow of the late Katsuhiro Abe who was a member of KOKURO, at the end of last year. She said “I am really grateful to receive such warm support not only from KOKURO but also from abroad. Thank you so much.”

I would like to convey her deepest gratitude and appreciation to the ITF.

Sincerely yours,

Tadashi Kikuchi  
General Secretary  
Mito Regional Headquarters  
KOKURO

Dear ITF members,

Thank you so much for your warm support.

Michiko Kumagai

Widow of the late Hidemi Kumagaya, member of KOKURO

Dear Mr. Paddy Crumlin and Mr. David Cockroft of the ITF,

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the generous ITF donations following my husband's death in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

I am gradually getting used to my life with my daughters alone, although I sometimes feel lonely. Please don't worry about us as we are grateful for being able to live in comfort.

I hope that this year will be a year in which everyone in every country will be able to live a peaceful life.

Thank you once again for your warm support.

Sincerely yours,

Kazuko Tsuda

Widow of the late Fumihiko Tsuda, member of National Federation of Dockworkers' Union of Japan (Zenkoku-kowan)

To the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF),

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the generous donations from the ITF following the great earthquake and the ensuing tsunami.

Now one year has passed since the tragedy. It is a very cold winter in the Tohoku region, but we are going forward step by step.

Thank you once again for your kind generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Toshio Sasaki  
Father of the late Toshihito Sasaki, member of JSU

To the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the ITF for the generous donations.

I was very grateful that union members from Ishinomaki visited us to hand over the donations and prayed for the repose of my son's soul before the altar.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Yuriko Konno

Mother of the late Toshihiro Konno, member of Japan Federation of Transport Workers' Unions  
(KOTSU-ROREN)

Dear ITF members,

I have received the donations. Thank you very much.

I still cannot accept the fact that my brother has gone. My brother loved his family, and he did his best for everything including his job. I am full of regret for his death, but I'm determined to move forward step by step and live a happy life for him.

Thank you once again for the warmest support.

Sincerely,

Yumiko Kikuchi

Sister of the late Norimitsu Kurosawa, member of the All Japan Seamen's Union