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His Excellency Naoto KAN
Prime Minister of Japan

The Hague, 12th April 2011

Petition: 197

Subject: Opportunities relative to the 11 March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Excellency,

After seeing the television pictures of the disasters Japan is enduring, we of course conveyed to your Ambassador in The Hague our condolences and deep respect for the Japanese people. The courage and determination that the Japanese people are demonstrating in coping with the after effects of these disasters caused by nature is admirable. In response, the world is reaching out to the Japanese people. Victims deserve compassion. Privately, members of our Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts are contributing to these actions.

In seeing the pictures of the desolate victims our memories return to more than 65 years ago. On 15th August 1945 we were glad our tsunami of terror was over. We were left stricken and in tears to learn what the war had cost in lost lives, and how much permanent physical pain it had caused so many. How it destroyed peaceful communities and property. What hit us most however was our desperate search for lost ones. Where is our husband, father, brother, how is our mother, sister, how are our relatives, what happened to our friends? This human desperation we saw again on television, recalling in full the fear of how Japan treated its war victims, and how Japan today denies its moral duty to these victims. More than ever the image of Japan as a nation is at stake.

Prime Minister,

The Dutch people acknowledge the effects of wind and water. We have centuries of experience in harnessing the power of nature to our benefit. We have also been fortunate enough to have our own natural gas, helping us meet our energy needs. Long term of course our reliance on energy-forms that can harm our natural habitat and quality of life must be exchanged in favour of sustainable energy solutions. Currently, a new wind and solar energy solution, offering a truly competitive price/performance ratio, is being realized in the Netherlands. The initiators are combining an English invention with Dutch innovation and commerce to affect a real economic breakthrough in sustainable energy. Herein lies a huge opportunity for you to address the victims of the past. A portion of the energy output of these systems, installed for energy supply in Japan, could be reserved to fund donations to our Foundation for distribution to our registered victims and their children. It would mean that the Japanese people contribute directly, acknowledging and paying tribute to the Dutch victims of the Japanese military during the Pacific War. A fantastic way for Japan to restore its global reputation as a responsible, caring and sustainable nation. And of course, wind and sun are almost endless power sources. This is something we must explore to our mutual benefit, for all our victims' sake.

Prime Minister,

It is time for us to build bridges together; to build a new sustainable relationship between our two peoples. I am sure you will agree and I look forward to your positive and open response.

We have sent a copy of this petition to His Excellency Mr. M. Rutte, Minister President of The Netherlands

On behalf of the Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts,

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President