



Ambassador of Singapore
Tokyo

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My fellow Singaporeans in Japan,

Since the March 11th earthquake and tsunami, there has been an overwhelming outpouring of sympathy for Japan by many kind Singaporeans. Many of you have supported the disaster survivors in deed and in prayers.

It will take many years for the Tohoku region to be restored. With this in mind, our Singapore Association in Japan (SAiJ) has started "Project Merlion". This initiative allows our community to play a small but constructive role in the ongoing recovery efforts.

In this regard, SAiJ was recently informed by the Iwate Prefecture Government that they faced an acute shortage of vehicles. SAiJ's goal is to raise 3 million yen (about S\$45,500) for the purchase of vehicles, which would be used to transport essential items, relief aid and the elderly survivors in the affected parts of Iwate. They will be working closely with the Japan Singapore Association and Aid Takata, a local NPO based in Rikuzen Takata City, for this project.

I would like to make a special appeal to all Singaporeans who live, work or study in Japan to support Project Merlion. Your contributions to this worthy cause will not only make a tangible difference to the survivors but send a powerful signal of Singapore's friendship during this difficult time.

If you, or your friends, would like to donate, please deposit your contribution to the following account.

Name of Bank : The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.
Name of Branch : Roppongi branch (Branch #045)
Account No. : 0121036 rpt 0121036 (Ordinary Account)
Account Name : The Japan Singapore Association
(社団法人 日本シンガポール協会)

Let's show our Japanese friends that we care about them. *Arigatou gozaimasu* and thank you.


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