February 24, 2011

Dear Mr. Geoff Annals,

On behalf of the Japanese Nursing Association and also on my own behalf, I hereby would like to express our deepest condolences to members of New Zealand Nurses' Organisation and the people in New Zealand who experienced losses and damages caused by earthquake that has occurred on the 22 of February.

I am deeply concerned that quite a few numbers of members of New Zealand Nurses' Organisation and their families became victims of the earthquake. I hope that the nurses and people in New Zealand who were damaged by the earthquake will soon be recovered from physical and mental damages. I suppose many nurses in New Zealand are now working hard for casualties although in some cases nurses themselves are injured or have casualties and victims in their families. I strongly hope that the nurses in your country would not overstrain themselves.

In addition, we are also concerned about a few Japanese nurses who are missing in this situation and their safety has not confirmed yet. We are really hoping that we will hear the news about those nurses soon.

Again we express our deepest sympathy to the lost people and nurses in New Zealand. We hope that the damages of earthquake in Christchurch will overcome the hardships and sufferings and will soon start conducting the restoration.

Yours sincerely,

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