



The Japanese National Committee of CIGRE

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Mr. Andre MERLIN
President of CIGRE

Dear Mr. MERLIN,

I received your letter with much appreciation. On behalf of The Japanese National Committee of CIGRE (JNC) and CIGRE community of engineers in the Japanese power industry, I would like to express my highest gratitude to you and the member of CIGRE Administrative Council.

As you may be informed, the magnitude of the earthquake this time is expected to be 9.0, which could be within top 5 in history. Over 25 hundred people are said to be lost and more are still missing. Some sources announced that lost people would be over 10 thousand, which is an unprecedented scale.

Tokyo area is somehow not so bad and has already made several steps to recovery, while there are some inconveniences due to the shortage of electricity. We, however, do not have much information about local towns in Tohoku area (that is, Northern part of Honshu Island), where serious damages were already reported and people alive is just about to make first step for rescuing their relatives and neighbors with all kinds of help from all over the world. I sincerely hope that the steps proceed fast, smoothly and strongly.

Since last Friday, public concern is gradually shifting to the failure of nuclear power plant, from the disastrous impact of earthquake and that by the following Tsunami. I personally feel that we, Japanese citizen, are now at the turning point where energy portfolio in the future be redirected. I do believe that the solutions thanks to the Japanese expertise could be found shortly.

Current situation may continue at least several months, while the recovery proceeds every second. I do believe however that we would overcome this disastrous situation in the soonest and re-build the beautiful country that people around world loves.

Again at the end, I would like to express my highest gratitude for your message extended to us.

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Chairman, The Japanese National committee of CIGRE (JNC)