

Message from the Governor
Charity Concert for the 5th Anniversary of the Japanese Tsunami

The Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 – in the blink of an eye, many lives were lost, our communities were wiped out and our livelihood and everything that was “normal” to us vanished. Five years have passed since that fateful day. As we receive an overwhelming amount of support and encouragement from Japan and throughout the world, all of us here in Miyagi Prefecture continue to put all our strength and efforts into the restoration and reconstruction of our home.

Not a day goes by when we do not think about how grateful we are for the support Miyagi continues to receive, especially as we face, day after day, the task of reconstructing this region.

I would like to also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for holding the Charity Concert for the 5th Anniversary of the Japanese Tsunami in London. The concert will feature the works of two gentlemen who have been living with Tourette syndrome – poetry by Yohei Suto, who is active in Miyagi Prefecture, and performances by his friend, solo pianist YUSK, who is active in the United Kingdom and Japan.

Although there is a great physical distance between our two countries, the support and attention our region has received from Yohei Suto, YUSK, and everyone in attendance this evening can be felt all the way here. I do believe the bond between our two regions will only become deeper through this event.

We are determined to return our appreciation to the people of the United Kingdom by showing you a new and recovered Miyagi Prefecture. I ask that you continue to think about our region as we move ahead together in this task after standing back up on our feet following the disaster.

In closing, I would like to thank the organizers of this charity concert and wish the attendees this evening all the best. I trust this will be a very successful event.

Yoshihiro Murai
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