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March 10, 2011

Hon. Emiko Okuyama
Mayor, City of Sendai
Japan

Dear Mayor Okuyama:

It is with much concern that we learned about the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that was centered 105 miles from Sendai off the coast of Japan. We are relieved that the earthquake did not cause major damage or take lives, though we do understand that operations at Sendai International Airport were briefly shut down. We are also relieved that no major damage has been reported at Tohoku University, and that students were on break between terms and therefore not on campus. Living in an earthquake region as you do, we know the disruptions they can cause, and wanted you to know our prayers, thoughts and wishes for your safety and the safety of the people of Sendai. Please also communicate our thoughts and wishes for the safety of faculty, staff and students of Tohoku University to President Inouye.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald O Loveridge".

Ronald O Loveridge
Mayor