

20th March 2011

Professor Hirofumi Makino
President
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Dear Hirofumi,

Knowing of the severe difficulties you face at this time, ISN sends its special good wishes to all friends and colleagues who are nephrologists in Japan.

We are much saddened by the terrible natural disaster you are enduring. Those of us watching from afar through TV can only imagine how difficult it must be in reality - so much damage, so much human loss, so much uncertainty, so many needs, and so much disruption of normal infrastructure.

We are very grateful to Masaomi Nangaku for agreeing to give a plenary lecture at WCN at such short notice and in such difficult circumstances. And we are very pleased that there will also be time during that plenary session for him to tell everyone at the Congress about the impact on you all of these recent events.

ISN also wants to affirm its support for you all in the enormous task you are facing, especially in ensuring that all your patients receive dialysis and other care they need. We know that the burden of all this will not only challenge you over the coming days, but that it will demand much of you over weeks and months to come.

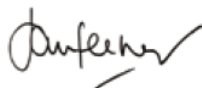
ISN reaches out to you all with a hand of friendship. We respect and admire your resilience and determination, which we know will carry you through. But ISN is pleased to offer any practical help we can, through the ISN Disaster Relief Task Force or by any other means at our disposal. We want to be sure that any assistance we give you will be as effective as possible, so we will wait to hear from you how we might give the right help.

We wish the best for you all and your families.

Yours sincerely



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