

Remarks of appreciation by H.E. Kenjiro Monji Ambassador of Japan for the kind support of the State of Qatar and its people for the victims of Great East Japan Earthquake

H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani the Emir has decided to generously donate, on behalf of the people and the Government of the State of Qatar, 100 million US dollars as a contribution for Japan's reconstruction efforts following the Great East Japan Earthquake. In this regard, I would like to express my profound appreciation on behalf of the people and the Government of Japan,. I sincerely hope that such a huge contribution will reach to many sufferers in need as soon as possible.

Immediately after the earthquake struck, we have received the kind offer from the State of Qatar for its readiness to extend every possible assistance. We also received from many people here encouraging messages as well as kind donations to help victims and sufferers of the disaster.. Furthermore, we welcome and appreciate Qatar's initiatives through Qatargas to supply Japan with additional four million tonnes of Liquefied Natural Gas to resolve the expected demand- supply gap in electricity, so that Japan can continue to carry out promptly and smoothly its reconstruction effort.

Japan has overcome many difficult challenges in the past to create the peaceful and prosperous society that exists today. I am confident that, by calling on the resilience and determination of its people and with the support from the international community, the nation will surmount this tragedy.

I wish to express once again our sincere gratitude for the strong bond of friendship shown by our Qatari friends and I genuinely hope that bilateral relationship between Japan and Qatar will be further developed

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