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Mayor Cromwell

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the sympathy and prayer of the mayor and the people of Lawrence. The benevolence of you may will be the utmost relief for the shock from the earthquakes and the subsequent tsunami, we hope it will be further strengthen understanding and cooperation between sister cities.

Thanks to the great support from the U.S.A, such as the support system which is the operation Tomodachi, we are now in the process to recover.

I am sure that it takes a long time to rebuild the country from the calamity. It will be the challenge nationwide. I hope everyone will come together and help people who are in time of need.

I hope this is the time to show Japan can be considerate of each other and also express how much we love our home city.

My term of the Mayor will be expired at the end of this month, but I will try the best for Hiratsuka as one of citizens with the people in Hiratsuka.

Thank you again for your heartwarming message.

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Ritsuko Okura

Mayor