ASEAN Member States are greatly shocked and deeply grieved by the earthquake and tsunami which devastated parts of Japan on 11 March 2011.

ASEAN Member States extend their heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the Government and people of Japan, and particularly those affected by this disaster. They hoped that the bereaved families of the victims would be given strength and comfort in facing this calamity.

ASEAN Member States stand ready to render its support in the efforts to help bring about a swift recovery in whatever way it can, recognizing that some ASEAN Member States have already pledged assistance. ASEAN Member States are confident that the Government and People of Japan will fully recover and rise from these unfortunate disasters with strong spirit and resilience.

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