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The Honorable Nikki Haley
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Dear Governor Haley,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to express my deepest sympathies for the lives lost and the lives changed forever by Hurricane Matthew. The thoughts of prayers of the people of Japan are with those in South Carolina.

Japan is all too familiar with the devastating effects of natural disasters, but we also know how resilient the people of your state can be. After the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, Japan received an incredible outpouring of support from South Carolina. These sentiments can in many forms and helped carry the Japanese people through tribulation. Such kind words and actions reminded us of what great friends we have across the world.

We have not forgotten that friendship, nor will we ever. I know that the people of your state are strong and will endure, but until then, please know that the people of Japan wish you a safe and full recovery.

Regards

Takashi (Thomas) Shinozuka
Consul General of Japan