

DEAR ALL GOKAK MEMBERS

We got warm heart from all of you.

We never forget Gokak.

I think this is the biggest result of World Terakoya Movement.

We are tied together always.

Keeeeeeeeeeep in touch touch touch!!!

Love,

Yoshimi Kozaki

I am really happy to hear NFUAJ has received donation from people in Gokak.

People in Tohoku have been suffering in devastated situations. I wish this empowers them, and thank you all for your kindness.

Masahiro Habu (2003)

Dear, all BIRDS members and Gokak friends

Hello! How are you?

I am very happy to hear that you gave your hand for the sufferers from the earthquake 11th March. Thank you very very much!! Your help encourage not only the sufferers but also all Japanese include me.

Now, in Japan faced difficult situation, but I know in Gokak is difficult situation too. I had been in Gokak about 2weeks in August 2006. Do you remember me? I had been in Gokak after big flood. I saw that you helped for the sufferers from the flood. Furthermore, I visited some villages in difficult situation. And I understood that you support for so many villagers to live without help.

And then, I really appreciate you help us same as help in Gokak. We can help each other.

Thank you!!!

From, Sayaka SENDA

I am Kaori Shimazaki.

I visited you on August 2010. I presented about environment problem in an university and I thank Birappa family because they accepted our visit to their house.

The days in India is a precious memory in my life.

The reason why I sent my message is that I wanted to tell you my appreciation. I was surprised when I heard that the donation was send from Gokak.

We, visitors, are of course encouraged by your kindness but the sufferers might be more pleased!

What I am delighted more than anything is that I could feel as if we are with you.

The disaster was really big but we got spirits by helps and messages from people in the world.

I do appreciate you thinking and helping us.

I do not forget your kindness.

I hope we meet again.

Kaori Shimazaki (2010)

Dear Gokak

Thank you for your support for people who are suffering from horrible disaster in Japan.

Your kindness makes me feel peaceful.

I remember Gokak vividly even it has already been about 10 months since I returned from Gokak.

I got a full of vigor from all of you.

There are tens of thousand of people who are spending hard time in Japan now.

I have to think about what I can do for such people and also have to take action.

I am really impressed.

Thank you so much.

See you again!

Shiho (2010)

Thank you for your kindness this earthquake in Japan.

We are so glad those kindness.

I wanna tell you directly these words .

But I can't go to there now.

Someday, I wanna go to India again.

Yumiko Minoura (yumin) (2007、 2010)

Amazing! Your kindness pierced me to my heart.

I continue UNESCO activity.

Kosei Yamauchi (Shiva) (2010)

Hi, I'm Masahiko from GIFU UNESCO.

I visited India about one year ago, and I was looked after by BIRDS and Chikkanandi members.

This March, about 20 thousands of people lost their life in the tsunami.

We feel deeply sad for the victims, and we are trying to help them to recover to their daily life.

For example, everyone in the country are saving the usage of electricity in their daily life to support the electric supply in the effected area, donation of daily supply, money, man power and more.

Exactly, your donation isn't only useful for them but also give courage.

I'm very happy and thankful for your caring to Japan.

I really appreciate it a lot!

Thank you very much.

Masahiko Ito (toy) (2010)

I appreciate you all with the support from bottom of your heart.

We should keep in touch and help each other forever.

We are a big family over "the line" between countries, aren't we?!

I really want to go back to Gokak again!

Shin (2010)

Thank you so much for your support!

We are really glad you all wish our recovery.

Though your communities have problems you have to overcome, you sheared the power for Japanese people.

We will never forget what you did for us!

Thank you, and see you again!

Mai Ito (2006)

Really Really thank you.

Thank you so much.

I feel so warm.

I feel connection with people in Gokak.

It reminds me of lives in Gokak.

Nothing to say without "Thank you".

Yukari Yamada (2006)

Thank you very much for the beautiful photos.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Azusa Takeuchi (2006)

Dear my old friends,

I'm so glad to write this letter to you.

Because I am recalling so many things about you.

It was splendid time for me where I was in Gokak with you.

I'll never forget that reminiscences of you and our staying in Gokak.

When I think about you, I am eager to see you.

But it is most important for me to offer my heartfelt gratitude for you.

I'd like to express my hearty appreciations to your big donation and warm encouragement for Japanese people in Tohoku District who were attacked by earthquake and Tsunami.

I'm sure you stimulate us and members in devastated area.

I'd like thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Please tell to our thanks to our friends in Gokak.

I hope to see you for the foreseeable future.

Kae Hirai (2006、 2007)

Thank you for the bottom of my heart.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

I'll do my best.

Hitomi Adachi (2001、 2007)

Dear Gokak members

Thank you for donations.

I deeply appreciated your kindness.

Risa Inagaki (2007)

To you of friends, Gokak in INDIA

Three months passed from the Tohoku region Pacific Ocean coast earthquake that had occurred at 2:46PM, March 11th.

A East Japan great earthquake is received and the appearance of the stricken area is reported on a large scale in the mass communication in the television and the newspaper, etc. in Japan every day.

A lot of disaster volunteers visit the stricken area, and the reconstruction support and the rescue operation are doing now.

However, the suicide exceeds 30,000 in Japan.

We learnt the importance of the life due to this earthquake.

And, a large relief and condolence money from Gokak reached a Japanese mind.

Hereafter, we Japanese want to think about the importance of the life.

Thank you for warm feelings of everybody in Gokak.

We wish sincerely to express our gratitude.

I pray for health and the good luck of everybody.

Munetake Toda (2007、 2009)

Dear BIRDS and Gokak members

Chanagedera? nino chanagede.

Dannyawada contributions for victims.

We also feel happy your efforts and heart.

We never forget Gokak people effort. We are near on heart.

I started my job at hospital. Every day so hard but good.

When I face some problem,I remember Gokak. Just then I can try hard job again.

And Terakoya products are going to be famous in UNESCO members.

I introduce products and Gokak people heart to UNESCO members who visited Gokak as study tour.

They said they want to see BIRDS stuffs and Gokak people again.

So some UNESCO member want to join Terakoya products to make bridge Japan to Gokak !

Our good relationship are never give up!

Your Megumi

Yoshimi told me about the supporting donation from India.

I am so surprised and moved. Thank you very much.

I am Yumi Sato, was visiting you in 2004. I live in the Tohoku district which is suffered from the earthquake quite hard.

Kiyoko Fujino (met you as a studying group member in 2003) is also in this area but we both are fine, fortunately.

We haven't expected such a big damage from disaster, so we were very scared, the lifelines(like water and electricity) were cut down, and many people lost their lives.

I really appreciate your concern and warm-hearted support.

I would like to see you again with big smiles.

Yumi (2004)

Dear friends in Gokak India,

I hope you are well! I'm Kiyoshi Tagawa, the president of Nagoya UNESCO Association, so far, I have visited Gokak 6 times .

First of all, I would like to say deepest appreciation of your donation for the disaster of earthquake and tsunami on 11th March in Japan.

Your warm donation was sent to the affected areas surely through the office of National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan.

I say thank you again from my heart for your kindness and friendship.

As you know, this earthquake and tsunami hitting north and east district of Japan was very big which was never experienced.

So far, over 15.400 people has died, 8.000 people are missing.

I would like to visit Gokak in the near future, and to meet you again.

Sincerely Yours

KIYOSHI TAGAWA President of Nagoya UNESCO association