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Fundraising to Assist Iitate Village near the Nuclear Evacuation Zone

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As you know, on March 11th a large earth quake and tsunami occurred in northeastern Japan. As a result, many lives have been lost and many people remain missing. Unfortunately, the situation continues to worsen. Subsequent hydrogen explosions have occurred at a nuclear power plant in Fukushima Prefecture, and several of the nuclear reactors are still not under control. It is at times like this that we seek assistance and ask for help.

As a part of my endeavors in sustainable development, fifteen years ago I began working with Iitate Village in Fukushima Prefecture. Iitate Village is currently receiving refugees from the tsunami disaster, and because of its proximity to the nuclear power plant, it is also accepting refugees from the nuclear evacuation zone.

Iitate Village is located 30-40km northwest of Fukushima 1 Nuclear Power Plant. At this time, Iitate Village is designated as an indoor refugee zone, meaning that people are instructed to stay indoors on account of low level atmospheric radioactive contamination. Currently 900 refugees are taking shelter at elementary schools in Iitate Village. Since 6100 people normally live in Iitate Village, accepting nearly 1000 refugees is a tremendous burden. Rather than fleeing, the residents of Iitate Village are providing care for refugees. However, supplies are limited and shipping lines are congested. Shortages of food, kerosene, gasoline, etc. are increasing.

Next to the Iitate Village Office, NPO Ecology ArchiScape has supported the construction of an eco-house, which functions as a community sustainability center. At this time, the sustainability center is also functioning as a comfortable refugee center. The sustainability center is also a member of the Japan Ecovillage Network.

At this time, I humbly ask for your financial support to provide emergency care and long-term support to Iitate Village. For those of you who would like to help, you may transfer funds to the NPO EAS bank account below. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is also provided below. This money will be passed on directly to Iitate Village to provide emergency care and sustainable development.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and all of Japan is grateful for your assistance.

Should you choose to provide financial support, please send an email with your name, professional affiliation, and email address to [eas@bronze.ocn.ne.jp](mailto: eas@bronze.ocn.ne.jp).

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