

A one year memorial of the Great East Japan Earthquake.



Rest of souls becomes the courage for the world to look up.

Let's share our thoughts!

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About Great East Japan Earthquake

11.3.2011 Fri. 14:46:18

Magnitude 8.8 (later corrected to Magnitude 9.0, the largest in history)

The center of the earthquake was located 130 kilometers east south east of Oshika-hanto in Miyagi prefecture.

14,998 people died (including 8,965 in Miyagi, 4,412 in Iwate, 1,557 in Fukushima).

9,761 people are still missing (5,892 in Miyagi, 3,266 in Iwate, 599 in Fukushima).

115,000 people are homeless and are in shelters.

These statistics are from 12.5.2011 researched by Metropolitan Police Department

That day was a typical March day, when in an instance the world had suddenly changed.

At 14:46, a huge earthquake hit our home. The earth violently shook and the shaking felt like it would never end. We heard people screaming and crying, buildings were squeaking and swaying. All electrical power was lost. Our city stopped functioning. People panicked during each aftershock. Anxiety was high and the roads were filled with chaotic traffic. Meanwhile, an out of season snow made us feel that the world was ending.

That night

We have never experienced such an anxious night. The night was lightless with no information. There were worries about our family's safety and constant fear of aftershocks, occurring over and over again.

We worried seriously about what's going on with our jobs, schools, and companies. We were all afraid of our hopeless future.

In that situation, we realized that how much we loved our family and friends. How happy we are to be with them and how lucky we are to be able to hug each other. We understood that we have to be prepared for the next natural disaster which cannot be foreseen. We realized we cannot control this Earth. We also, realized how important it is to have conversations with each other. We realized that there are so many beautiful stars in the sky which we thought could only be seen from a planetarium.

Our Thoughts

We will never forget that darkness of the night and how we were anxious without phone and emails. We will never forget the heartwarming conversation over the warm candle lights. We will never forget we had breathtakingly beautiful stars in the sky....

We thought the light (electric power) was limitless but since this earthquake, we realized how blessed we really are.

The electric power lights you, your room and your town. That's why we can do anything we

want even at night. But, these bright lights may blind us from seeing what occurs naturally at night.

That night, people all over the world cried for us and prayed for us.

We are still in recovery and still cannot say we have our lives back to normal. But we can send our message to the world that we are getting over it little by little and how thankful we are.

Our suggestion

Let's turn off the light at 20:46 in 11.3 for just one hour.

Please turn off your lights with the people you love. Just see and feel your lovely people beside you remembering the night without any power, TV, cell phone or Nintendo. Then, please look up at the sky.....you will see lots of stars if we all can turn off the lights.

We could not switch off the lights that day. Today we can switch the lights on and off whenever we want, so you can turn it off at your own will. We should let the world know what we realize from our experience. We should leave message for repose of souls for the future.

Let's look up at the sky and see the stars with your people. Please join us 11.3.2012 at 20:46. It is really that simple! Just switch off your lights! This is the project, just turn off your lights at that time and we can send this lasting message for the future.

Not for somebody, for yourself. You will be blessed beautiful stars in the sky.

The "311 Hoshizora Project" literally translates to the "March 11th Starry Sky Project"

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This project was started by people who experienced Great East Japan Earthquake and their friends. For more information, email to info@311hoshizora.jp, Mizutomo Endo.

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