

## **March 11, 2011 – Japan Earthquake & Tsunami**

March, 2011, the world was (and still is) in shock as the devastating earthquakes struck off the eastern coast of Japan causing the enormous tsunami in the Fukushima area.

The long distance from here to Japan seemed so much closer as we all hoped and prayed for normality to return to the lives of the Japanese affected by this disaster. Many Alberta communities, particularly member communities of the A/JTMA rose up to the instant and did something/anything they could to provide assistance. We, the A/JTMA Executive, commend these communities for their timely and compassionate efforts.

True we too suffer our own misfortunes at the hands of nature (Slave Lake for example) we most certainly rally together for support there as well, notwithstanding our efforts at home, the A/JTMA is proud of our membership who have reached out! Keep up the good work! We hope that at this year's conference, we might hear, first hand, from the represented municipalities how your Japan relief efforts went.

It will be wonderful to meet this year at the conference, those communities who have considered joining the A/JTMA, this is your moment! Please contact Shiho Hayashi at: 1(780)865-2363 e-mail: [hayashi8@telus.net](mailto:hayashi8@telus.net)

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[Reference – Japan Earthquake & Tsunami of 2011: Facts and Information](#)

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