



July 5, 2011

The Honorable Emiko Okuyama
Mayor
City of Sendai
3-7-1, Kokubuncho, Aoba-ku
Sendai, 980-8671
JAPAN

Dear Mayor Okuyama:

On behalf of the City of Dallas and my colleagues on the Dallas City Council, I send special greetings from our City. I assumed my position as Mayor a little over a week ago and as a new mayor of Dallas, I have been learning of all of the wonderful exchanges and traditions that have developed over the past decade between our two cities.

Anna McFarland, the Executive Director of the Japan America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth is visiting Sendai at this time; she and the organization that she represents have connected our countries for forty years and have served as essential links between Dallas and Sendai. I know that she will have a productive time in Sendai and she brings additional greetings from Dallas.

Sendai and its citizens have been in our thoughts and prayers after the devastating Tsunami and while we are confident that Sendai will make a strong and speedy recovery, we hope that you will call on us should we be able to provide any additional support throughout the rebuilding process.

I look forward to continuing the tradition of friendship between our two great cities.

Sincerely,


Mike Rawlings
Mayor