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Tohoku Earthquake

I extend my sincere sympathies to the many people affected by the Tohoku earthquake. I pray that those affected are able to return to a peaceful existence as quickly as possible.

I am sure that many University of Tokyo students and members of the academic and administrative staff have been affected by this earthquake. The situation remains unpredictable, with aftershocks continuing even now. I hope that each of you will take care for your own safety and the safety of others around you, and at the same time keep those in the affected areas in your thoughts while you carry out your duties.

We are exerting all possible efforts to confirm the safety of University of Tokyo students and members of the academic and administrative staff, and particularly those located at facilities located in affected areas. We are deeply concerned for the safety of students who are believed to be in affected areas and with whom we have not been able to make contact. Anyone who has information about the safety or situation of any member of the University of Tokyo in the affected areas is kindly requested to inform the University's Headquarters for Disaster Countermeasures.*

As a result of this disaster, I am sure that no small number of students in the middle of taking the university entrance examination are being placed in a highly stressful situation, both physically and mentally. The University of Tokyo will endeavor to be as attentive as possible to your needs, but with strength and determination, I am sure that you will not falter in accomplishing your original goals.

Doctors from the University of Tokyo Hospital have rushed to the disaster area and are providing medical care. I pray that the devoted efforts of all those engaged in rescue work will save as many lives as possible.

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