# VISIT TO JAPAN UNDER KIZUNA (BOND) PROJECT

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#### AGENDA

- Introduction: Maajid Maqbool
- Japan's response to the disaster: Isha Lodhi
- Japan from my eyes: Abdul Rehman Liaqat
- Conclusion and Thanks: Maajid Maqbool

### THE GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

- o March 11, 2011 at 2:46 p.m.
- Magnitude 9.0
- Followed by Tsunami with waves as high as 40.5 meters (Miyato, Iwate prefecture)
- Explosions in nuclear plant
- > 11000 dead/missing
- 500,000 buildings destroyed

# THE GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI \_ MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> 2011











### THE GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

• Area most affected

Miyagi prefecture in Tohoku region

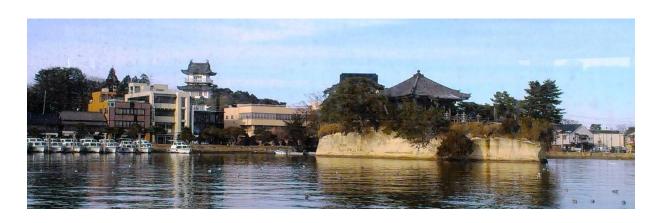
- Industries affected
  - Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries
- People and Culture
  - Loss of loved ones
  - Loss of homes
  - Loss of community
  - Rumours of safety





#### PURPOSE OF VISIT

- Show the world specially the youth Japan's efforts at reconstruction
- Dispel rumors & provide correct information
- Revive industry in affected areas
- Assure affected people that they are not alone
- Expose Japan its leadership in technology, its people and culture to the world's youth



# JAPAN'S RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER

**ISHA LODHI** 

### What the Japanese did in response to the disaster

- Set up temporary evacuation centers (immediately),
   and later, temporary homes
- Health care for residents of temporary housing
- Rescue activities \_ volunteer work





SAFE, ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS FROM THE DISASTER



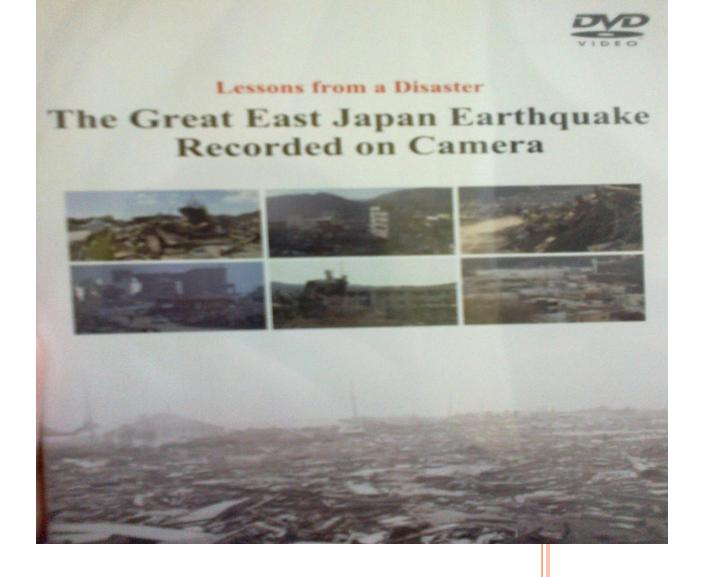
RADIATION LEVELS WERE CONTINUOUSLY (ARE STILL BEING) MONITORED IN THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE POWER PLANT ERUPTION IN FUKUSHIMA

- SURVEYS OF RADIATION IN SCHOOLS AND OTHER AREAS
- DECONTAMINATION WORK\_ REPLACING TOPSOIL AT SCHOOLS
- Measured radioactive substances in food
- GLASS BADGE MEASUREMENTS
- FARMLAND RECOVERY AND AGRICULTURE RECONSTRUCTION
- EXPERIMENTAL FISHING
- RECONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE

### OUR VISIT

- Local people at affected areas shared their experience with us voluntarily
- Sendai Television Incorporated
- Soma City
- Toyo University
- Ishinomaki City \_ Strawberry farm
- Miyagi Gakuin Women's University





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LESSONS FROM A DISASTER

# Interaction with the students of Toyo University: Discussed Japanese Culture



### STUDY TOUR ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS [KITA WARD DISASTER PREVENTION CENTER]

• The Japanese people understand and emphasize the need of being prepared for all kinds of disasters in order to prevent losses to human life when a natural disaster occurs

 Our program coordinators were keen on teaching us about Disaster Preparedness

### WHAT I LEARNT

- The severity of the Great East Japan Earthquake
- How the Japanese people and government have strived to recover from the disaster
- The importance of disaster preparedness





### WHAT I LEARNT

- Japanese culture today
- Japanese history (Edo Museum)
- Shinto religion \_ How to pray at a temple
- Soma namaoi festival



### WHAT I LEARNT

- o Japanese Doll Festival Hinamatsuri
- o Origami Japanese Paper Art
- How to make a rice ball Women University, Sendai
- How delicious Ishinomaki's strawberries are!
- And much, much more...!







TEMPLES CAN BE FOUND PLACE TO PLACE IN JAPAN