

**REMARKS BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT HON. MWAI KIBAKI, CGH, MP DURING  
THE HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF KENYA'S DONATION TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI OF  
MARCH, 2011**

Your Excellency

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the Government and the people of Kenya and on my own behalf, to once again express our sincere condolences and sympathies to the government, families of the victims and the entire Japanese people following the devastating earthquake and Tsunami that hit Japan on Friday, 11th March, 2011 .

Japan has been a very good friend of Kenya for a long time. As Kenya 's leading development partner, Japan has assisted in many projects that have played a crucial role in Kenya 's Development.

In keeping with our close partnership, I note with appreciation that Kenya is the largest recipient of Japanese ODA in Africa . Nairobi hosts one of the largest Japanese communities on the continent and is the Regional Headquarters for all of Japan 's major Agencies as well as its largest trading houses.

On behalf of my Government, I wish to sincerely thank the Government of Japan for the quality Financial and Technical support it has continued to extend in support of our Economic Agenda.

Your Excellency,

My Government is fully aware of the difficulties and challenges that the Government of Japan continues to face in addressing the devastation caused by the earthquake. I want to assure you of our full support in this endeavour.

It is in this regard therefore, that my Government today, donates to the Government of Japan, an amount of One Million US Dollars towards this cause.

As you continue to heal from this tragedy of almost unimaginable severity, we pray to the almighty God to grant comfort and courage to the bereaved families and the entire nation in overcoming the great pain and loss.

I am confident that through collective efforts the Japanese people will mobilize their aptitude to recover from these challenging circumstances.

Once again Your Excellency, accept, my deepest sympathies.

I Thank you.

Asante Sana.