



Japanese Olympic Committee

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Prof. Bruno Grandi,
President, Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique

Dear President,

First of all, I would like to thank you for your compassion towards the magnitude 9 earthquake that hit the north coast of Japan on 11 March. Despite this humanitarian disaster, people are slowly recovering from what has been left and together with the support from all over Japan and from all over the world, we are making ways to overcome this destruction.

In line with this, I am writing to ask for your strong supporting message towards the 43rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships Tokyo which is going to be held on 7 Oct to 16 Oct. As you may already know the metropolitan government of Tokyo has not been affected from the earthquake, nor the tsunami. Hence, it is very important for Japan to actually host a premier international event to uplift the devastating people, especially the young children.

As an Olympic Family and friend, I would like to ask for your strong message that athletes' participation to the World Championship is vital, not only to compete but also to bring the people's hopes up and encourage them to overcome this disaster.

Young children watching athletes perform will certainly be a good cause and show human excellence right in front of their eyes.

JOC together with the Japan Gymnastic Association, we all await many of athletes' participation to the events.

May I ask once again to have your voice widely spread out to make an appeal to the athletes to encourage them to participate to the Championship.

Yours sincerely,

Tsunekazu Takeda
President