



*Notes From The President*

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The following letters were sent to the presidents of Tama University and Otemon Gakuin University, to express Valdosta State University's concerns regarding the tsunami and earthquakes on March 11, 2011.

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Dear Members of the University Community:

On behalf of Valdosta State University, please accept my warmest condolences. We are aware of the devastation that occurred in the earthquake and tsunamis on March 11. We are humbled by your courage and resilience. It is difficult to imagine the impact of an 8.9 magnitude earthquake only a couple hundred miles from Tokyo. The perspective of being the fifth largest in recorded time suggests the challenges you are overcoming.

Though separated by culture, language and distance, we are joined by a love of education and support for human development. More specifically, we are joined through educational and cultural exchanges. We are confident that these events will only strengthen our ties and anticipate a continuation of relations.

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are happy to know that our relationship will make these difficult days pass more quickly.

Warmest regards,  
Patrick J. Schloss, President