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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CJS STUDENTS CONCERNING THE MARCH 11 EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI IN NORTHEAST JAPAN

On March 11 a major earthquake struck northeastern Japan off the coast of Miyagi Prefecture. The earthquake and the resulting tidal wave have wreaked considerable damage on that coastline, including the four nuclear power reactors operated by Tokyo Power and Electric in neighboring Fukushima Prefecture. On March 15 another earthquake struck eastern Shizuoka Prefecture near Mt. Fuji.

At this time, neither of these events has caused appreciable damage in the Nagoya area. Nagoya City is approximately 400 kilometers (about 250 miles) west of the Fukushima reactors, and it is not expected that they will affect the Nagoya area.

At this time, Nanzan University is operating on its usual schedule. The Center for Japanese Studies is closed for spring vacation from March 15 to March 21. Pending further announcements, CJS classes will resume as scheduled on March 22. Academic policies on excused absences remain in effect.

CJS students are advised as to the following:

- 1) avoid travel to the Tokyo area and northeastern Japan until further notice;
- 2) check with relevant embassies' updated reports regarding travel advisories for Japan;
- 3) for students staying with host families, confirm contacts with host families and how to meet them in the event of an emergency;
- 4) please advise parents and home institutions that Nagoya is not in the affected area and that it is currently safe;
- 5) contact the CJS Office via the CJS site on the university homepage to update contact information;
- 6) check the CJS homepage for updates;

7) if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact CJS office at 052-832-3123. In case of emergency, call 090-9897-1653 (English) or 090-8469-8103 (Japanese).