



Disaster and Recovery

On behalf of all of us in AONSA I express deep sorrow and condolences to Japanese colleagues and all in Japan on the consequences of the earthquake, tsunami and the nuclear incident at Fukushima. Coupled with this sorrow is great admiration for the calm and practical response of the nation to these tragedies. The whole world has been moved by both. Particularly admirable has been the behaviour of the Japanese fire crews and operators at Fukushima in working through potentially dangerous situations to produce a safe outcome.

Equally excellent has been the response of colleagues at J-PARC and JRR-3. We rejoice that the destruction there has not been as great as feared. I thank our Secretary Professor Sung-Min Choi for centrally receiving and sending messages for our Japanese colleagues.

As I write, our colleagues at J-PARC are without an office building but early inspection of the facility shows little damage to the accelerators, instruments and experiments supplied by them.

The above was written on 20 March to express our feelings then. My admiration has grown, and now, Japan's and our neutron colleagues' determination and great efforts to recover are clear. The impressive scientific results from J-PARC already show the importance of quick recovery by J-PARC and JRR-3 for the whole Asia-Oceania region. The recognition of this by the emergency funding offered by the Japanese Government is highly appreciated. Offers of help for the neutron school 2011 and experiment placements in our region and internationally are being coordinated by JSNS. AONSA wishes all the soonest success.



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