



Prime Minister

Message to the people of Kurashiki, Japan

On behalf of the New Zealand Government, I'd like to thank the people of Kurashiki for supporting Christchurch in its time of need.

The devastating earthquake on 22 February marks the beginning of a long and challenging journey for Christchurch. But we are a proud, resilient country and the New Zealand Government is behind Christchurch 100 per cent of the way.

With the support of many people all over New Zealand and the world, we will get through this. Though lost lives will never be replaced, and though Christchurch will never look the same again, we will rebuild this great city.

I know that Japan has recently had its own terrible earthquake and tsunami. Although Kurashiki is far from the disaster zone, our hearts go out to those of you who have been affected in some way and to all Japanese people. New Zealand stands ready to help in any way we can in the months and years ahead.

Christchurch is proud to have Kurashiki as its sister city, and I know your strong bond will continue in the years ahead.

Thank you very much for your outstanding generosity and support for Christchurch.

Best wishes,

Rt Hon John Key
PRIME MINISTER

