

## Memorial ceremony for the first anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Photo and Drawing Exhibition

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Consulate-General of Japan,  
Melbourne

1. The Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne will host a memorial ceremony for the first anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami on Friday, March 9 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Melbourne International Fine Art (MiFA) at Level 1, 278 Collins St. In the ceremony, the Japanese Consul-General will express Japan's sincere appreciation for the support extended from Australia, particularly Victoria, in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake. It is anticipated that high dignitaries of the Victorian Government and Parliament and of local government organisations, as well as people who have been supporting Japan, will attend.
2. After the ceremony guests are invited to view the photo and drawing exhibition entitled *Thank you from Japan* at the same venue. The exhibition will include 80 drawings by children from the areas affected by the disaster as well as a collection of photos illustrating the scale of the disaster and the recovery process. The exhibition will be also open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Entry to the exhibition will be free.
3. The Consulate-General of Japan welcomes the local media to the ceremony and exhibition to cover these events.

If you are interested in the event, or need more information, please contact:

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