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### Hikari Tsushin Efforts for the Earthquake in Japan

The largest earthquake in Japan's history struck the nation on March 11. The Tohoku-chiho Taiheiyo-oki Earthquake hit northeastern Japan with a magnitude of 9.0 and was followed by a devastating tsunami. We extend to them our deepest condolences in this time of sadness. Notice is hereby given of the impact of the earthquake on our Company's Group, as described below.

#### 1. Concerning damage and respons

Some shops in Tohoku area are temporarily closed, and we are currently collecting information and investigating the conditions of shops and possible human casualties. In addition, operations in East Japan are voluntary restraint for confirmation of safety and other reasons.

#### 2. Concerning impact on business results

The Company is currently investigating the impact caused by this earthquake and will promptly disclose any information in the event any matters of significant impact are confirmed.