



## Donation Report and Local News

### Donation Report for The Great East Japan Earthquake

Thanks to you all for your great support and contributions for the devastated area of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

We received donations from our colleagues all over the world, and it resulted in a total JPY46,059 being raised for the disaster stricken-area.

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The money we have collected was donated to the 'Japan National Trust' which has been working hard on conserving the important natural and cultural assets of Japan so that they can be handed down to future generations. We have also received a letter of appreciation from the Japan National Trust, thanking everyone for the kind gesture.



The letter of appreciation

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you all for your support and contributions.

(by Misa YAMAMOTO)

### Local News

#### The current News from members

The 290-room Palace Hotel Tokyo marked its Grand Opening on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with 10 restaurants and bar, and first ever evian SPA in Japan! Our colleagues, Ms. Sumiyoshi and Mr. Kawamura formed the new concierge team, congratulations!



(by Akemi KOYAMA and Misa YAMAOTO)

#### Rainy season has come in Japan

In most of Japan, the rainy season lasts from the beginning of June to mid July. During this season, listen carefully to the sound of the rain gently pouring on a quiet garden and temple. There are many places that can be very attractive in the drizzly rain.

Rainy season - Tsuyu, literally meaning plum rain in Japanese; this comes from one of a tradition legend because it coincides with the season of plums ripening.

In general, rainy season brings with a little boredom. What do you do? Here are some things to do for enjoy rainy season in Japan.

• Firefly viewing. They are an early summer feature in Japan. You can see fireflies dancing and their beautiful lights in the summer nights.

Fireflies only live in places have clean air and rich soil, such as rice paddies or in the countryside with streams. They are also very sensitive to changes in the environment and its life span is only ten days.



• Take a stroll. Enjoy the vividly colored blooming hydrangea and iris, water lily seen on the pond.



• Children makes 'teru-teru bouzu' as a charm for fine weather. Have you ever seen one before? It is a small doll made from tissue paper or cloth and hung out under the eaves. We often made "teru-teru bouzu" on the day before outdoor events like excursions when we were children to wish for nice weather.

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