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March 25: Letters to the editor

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Donating to Japan

Re How To Donate When Cash Is Not The Answer (March 18): I wish to express my deep gratitude to the people of Canada for their warmth and generosity to my country during a time of despair and tragedy. In addition to the unimaginable number of lives taken, the recent earthquake and tsunami have also affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of residents – including children – in the hardest-hit regions.

The Japanese Red Cross, with the support of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, decided not to issue an “official emergency international appeal,” thinking of the many friends in need around the world. This announcement, understandably, caused a lot of misunderstanding inside and outside Japan.

The Japanese Red Cross is certainly welcoming contributions to residents of the disaster-affected regions through the Canadian or Japanese Red Cross. I thank you for your understanding.

Kaoru Ishikawa, Ambassador of Japan, Ottawa

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