## The 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake

11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 marks 5 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster, which claimed the lives of many and dealt significant damage to the Tohoku region of Japan.

The JET Programme suffered the loss of two of its US participants to the tsunami; an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) at schools in Ishinomaki City in Miyagi Prefecture and another ALT at schools in Rikuzentakata City in Iwate Prefecture. Since that day, people in the Tohoku region have been steadily working towards recovery including efforts towards rebuilding housing and increasing employment.

CLAIR Sydney is grateful for all the support Japan has received from Australia and New Zealand and hopes this support will continue into the future. We urge you to come and visit the Tohoku region to witness the solid recovery effort by citizens and enjoy the delicious food produce, fantastic hot springs and rich cultural traditions.

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