

Dear City of Revelstoke and Citizens of Revelstoke,

After March 11 2011 when one of the biggest earthquakes in our life time triggered great Tsunami to take many lives and homes in Japan, I deeply appreciate your great support and friendship to my home country, Japan. Throughout 2 years, I do still remembers everyone support and donation to Japan.

Last fall, my friends who are ski and snowboard photographers in Tokyo got together and run a 3 day long charity event called **“What Can we Do”** to sell T-shirts and their snow mountain photographs to raise money. They collected about \$40,000 Canadian dollars throughout the 3 day long charity event. In this amount, we, as Revelstokians, donated \$1200 to be a part of it. Then, they divided the donation to those three organizations as below.

1. **Ashinaga Educational and emotional support for orphans worldwide:** This organization does support well to those children who lost their parents by natural disaster (<http://www.ashinaga.org/en/>)
2. **Open Japan:** This volunteer organization is to create connections to needs and wants for those people who survive from natural disaster. (<http://openjapan.net/>)
3. **Chikyuu no Kodomo (Earth Children):** This volunteer organization is strongly to support those children who experience the disaster and try to overcome their situations from lost parents. (<http://www.chikyunokodomo.com/english/>)

We also received the letter attached to the right top corner. What they have written was

“Thank you very much for all donations and everyone contributions to be a part of our charity event run September 28 to 30, 2012. We deeply much appreciated to those who purchased our photographs as well.

Overall of our charity event by selling our photographs and T-shirt as well as donations included from Revelstoke, BC Canada, we raised 3,277,621 yen (approximately \$40,000). We had to exclude some amounts for our running cost of this event, but the most of this donation was divided into and distributed to those three organizations above.

For this charity, twenty photographers donated their pictures to sell and promise to all that we will keep taking more attractive photographs with great gratitude to our supporters and thoughts of this 3.11 disaster.



Thank you very much for all your contributions and support. “

20 Snow Lover Photographers: *Momoko Oshita, Nobu Otsuka, Kage, Norimichi Kameda, Kenji Kinoshita, Tomokazu Kuwano, Jyo Kobashi, Kei Sato, Wataru Sugimura, Hiroshi Suganuma, Toichi Sato, Hi_6, Goh Fujimaki, Hiroya Nakata, Neil Hartman, Yoshiro Higai, Hiroyuki Yamada, Tomohiro Watanabe, Masakazu Watanabe, Yoichi Watanabe*

They also uploaded their film on Youtube. Please visit those links:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9Q_qMme098

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNh93cNVFW8>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Q8j9eEIkKsE



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