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Dear Mme. President,

I acknowledge a set of your letters addressed to the Japanese Red Cross Society since last month with regard to the present situation of your Red Cross.

I am seriously concerned with the consequences on the future function of your Red Cross in case if the Red Cross Act in Taiwan be abrogated.

The Japanese Red Cross Society has been enjoying good record of humanitarian collaboration in the past and the present with your Red Cross. During the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in 2011, your Red Cross could kindly channel the good will of many people of Taiwan who wished to contribute to the affected population in my country, and was indeed the second biggest donor for the Japanese Red Cross Society in this particular disaster.

When a disaster happened in Taiwan, your Red Cross worked as the window for my National Society to deliver the good will of Japanese people. In case of dust explosion at the water park event in 2015, the Japanese Red Cross Society donated the artificial skin swiftly for the burn treatment of the affected. The Earthquake in Tainan this year also drew attention of the Japanese public and the donation collected in Japan has been transferred to your Red Cross for appropriate handling.

Not limited to the collaboration with my National Society, your Red Cross has been also contributing worldwide. We, as a Sister National Society, have been witnessing the contribution from your Red Cross toward the operations of the International Red

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Cross and Red Crescent Movement from natural disasters to conflicts: Asia tsunami in 2004, East Africa drought in 2011, Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, Ebola outbreak in 2013, Nepal earthquake in 2015, and Syrian refugee crisis in 2015, for instance. Without your Red Cross, the good will of people of Taiwan could not have been channelled to the Movement.

In light of all these history and achievements, I sincerely hope that the significant role of Taiwan Red Cross be maintained.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Japanese Red Cross Society