We want to express our deepest sympathy to the people affected by last week's massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan. We do hope the situation at the Fukushima power plant will be resolved so the rescue and recovery process can take place fully. JSPS London is supporting a Japan Earthquake Appeal event to be held at University College London (UCL) next Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011. Speakers will include myself and Professor Peter Sammonds, former chair of our Alumni Association. The event is being organised by Professor Shinichi Ohnuma from UCL, please see details of the programme for the event in his e mail below. We would really appreciate it if you could show your support and join us. Registration is not necessary.

Best regards, Kozo Hiramatsu Director, JSPS London

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## **Earthquake Appeal Event**

Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 16:20-18:20 University College London (UCL) JZ Young LT (lecture theater), ANATOMY building GOWER STREET, LONDON, WC1E 6BT

## **Programme**

16:20-16:30	Opening Prof. Derek Tocher (Pro-Provost, UCL, East and South East Asia)
16:30-16:45	"UCL-Japan link" Prof. Shin-ichi Ohnuma (UCL)
16:45-17:00	"Current state of Tohoku University and Sendai" Dr. Masanori Takahashi (NIMR)
17:00-17:10	"The Battle for Japan: The Self-Defence Forces in the Tohoku Earthquake" Dr Alessio Patalano (King's College London)
17:10-17:30	"Kobe earthquake" Prof Hiramatsu, (Director JSPS)
17:30-18:10	"Tohoku Earthquake & Tsunami" Prof. Peter Sammonds (Director, UCL Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction, Department of Earth Science, UCL)
18:10-18:20	Closing

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