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Dear Reverend Miyamoto,

In replying to your letter (fax) of 12<sup>th</sup> August last, I am please to send you, herewith enclosed, a congratulatory message of His Eminence Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, President of this Dicastery on the occasion of the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arigatou International, scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in Chiba, Japan.

I take this opportunity to join with the President to extend to you and to the members of your Institution, my best wishes for a successful and fruitful celebration, for the benefit of children world-wide.

With my sentiments of esteem and every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely



Archbishop Pier-Luigi Celata  
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### MESSAGE

On behalf of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and myself, I wish to express my sincere congratulations to you and the members of the Arigatou International on the occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Your efforts, through the educational programs of the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), are indeed commendable. Jesus loved children, saying: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Pope Benedict XVI expressed "all children, are a treasure and blessing for the world, and especially to those who are denied a peaceful childhood. May the Lord bless all those— they are many!—who work daily in the service of the new generations, helping them to be the protagonists of their future" (*Address on the Feast of Epiphany 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009*).

In today's world, unfortunately, many children are suffering because they are victims of various forms of violence and war; abandoned by their families or perhaps never knowing their own family; enduring psychological trauma due to the fighting of parents, or by the actual breakup of the family; suffering some form of abuse; forced to work at a tender age, badly treated, harshly punished, and paid low wages; others are used for begging, or even worse forced into prostitution, and the list sadly continues. It gives me hope to see an organization like yours committed to help make a better situation for children. May God bless all of you abundantly as you continue your precious work and grant you a fruitfulness in your activities, particularly in those involving cooperation with people belonging to different religious traditions, working to save the world's children, our children!

*Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran*

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President of the PCID