

## *Preface*

Almost a year and four months have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake that inflicted unprecedented damage and left many victims in the Tohoku District. In spite of strenuous searching activities, there are still many who are missing.

Prompt human assistance, extensive material support and financial assistance were received from all over the world. I, as a Japanese citizen, hereby express my heartfelt thanks to all who assisted Japan at that time.

Among those from around the world who extended generous assistance, Mongolia was one of the quickest to respond to our hardships, sending Mongol Emergency Aid groups to our damaged areas, monetary contributions, and support goods from companies and private citizens. Moreover, the Mongolian Government made an appeal to their national civil servants to donate one thirtieth of their monthly salary, that is, one-day is compensations. I hardly know how to express our thanks to Mongolia and their citizens for such warm hearted goodwill and assistance.

In the year 2011, when Japan had suffered these damages, the Research Institute of Social Systems of Chuo Gakuin University started a research program for “*the Environment of Mongolia and the Corporate Activities – Conditions of Interexchange and Cooperation with Japan –*” One of the purposes of the program is to carry out research on the relations between the Mongolian natural environment and the activities of companies. Another purpose is to understand the actual situation of corporate activity in Mongolia, thereby clarifying the requirements for successful exchange and cooperation between companies of the two countries. In accordance with these research subjects, a questionnaire was conducted. About 100 leading companies kindly cooperated with our research and we could understand their actual conditions. We are glad that the result was published as the Mongolian Special Issue of Social System Review.

With the help of Prof. Tuvd DORJ, Vice President of Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Ms. D. DUGERJAV, Commissioner & Vice Chairman of Financial Regulatory Commission of Mongolia, Mr. ALTAI Khangal, Acting CEO of Mongolian Stock Exchange and many other interested persons, this research has brought a meaningful fruit. The result of the research will be a strong incentive to the researchers not only of Japan and Mongolia but also of the world. On behalf of Chuo Gakuin University, I would like to express my deep appreciation to those concerned in Mongolia.

Finally, this year Japan and Mongolia celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations. It is my sincere hope that more active relations will take place between our two counties in the future, especially in academic, and cultural exchanges and various forms of economic cooperation.

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