

## Great East Japan Earthquake Two Year Memorial Event

On Sunday, March 10 at the Seattle Center, co organized by the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, the Seattle Center, and many community organizations the two-year memorial event “Shout Out to Japan - Cheers from Seattle” commenced with over 2,000 attendees.



Seattle Deputy Mayor Darryl Smith participated and gave his greetings to the audience along with the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, John Roos, the Governor of the State of Washington, Jay Inslee, the Governor Kobe Prefecture, Ito Toshizo, many government officials and the heads of organizations, along with luminaries such as Hisashi Iwakuma, the starting pitcher for the Seattle Mariners, gave official greetings for this event. Acting Consul General Tomoko Dodo along with many cooperating organizations and individuals expressed gratitude to the audience for their support for Japan and reaffirmed Japan’s commitment to the recovery and revitalization of the Tohoku Region and Japan as a whole. The significance of the *kizuna* that Japan shares with the world in revitalizing Japan and the benefits of the Kizuna Project were also presented.





A documentary depicting the recovery of the Tohoku region after the disaster *Can You See Our Lights? – The First Festival after the Tsunami* was shown, and students from Roosevelt and Garfield High Schools that visited the Tohoku region as part of the Kizuna Short Term Dispatch Project gave presentations, the Cosplay Karaoke Anime Song Group sang a song in support of Japan's recovery, and many groups associated with Japan had set up informational booths and one even presented goods from the Tohoku region. Throughout the day, many activities and performances were held for the audience.



Thank you to all who cooperated in making this event a success.