

## 7. “Introducing Australian Students and Professors to the Earthquake-Affected Areas”

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I am Professor Masaharu YAMAKI of Shokei Gakuin University and I am here in Melbourne as a Visiting Professor of RMIT University. I specialize in clinical social work with an interest in loss, trauma and grief, mental health and enneagram studies. I have just completed my sabbatical in Melbourne in order to deepen the focus of my research into social inclusion. I choose Victoria as I find it to be a very multicultural state. In my clinical practice I have specialized in disaster victim support since March 11, 2011.

I am convinced that it is very important that the university students of Australia visit the disaster areas in Japan and listen to the voice of disaster victims. I was very pleased to support a visit of the students from RMIT and La Trobe University on a study tour to Japan. And I would hope that we can sustain a continuous exchange with these universities.