Dear ISA colleagues, dear Japanese partners and dear 2014 ISA Congress organizers:

We share with you this so unfortunate time that Japan is living, all its valuable population, Japanese dear sociological, intellectual and cultural community.

The news that are given to us fulfill us of grief, solidarity and, at the same time of consternation.

The nature unleashes over us, let us identify ourselves as an ‘us’, all its destructive forces, that at the same time we should recognize as vivifying. Then without this changing dynamic it could not be possible life on earth. It is in this terrible tension that awaken all our shared anguish and our interrogations.

Could the social science help us in these circumstances? We ask ourselves, at the same time that we recognize in a Rousseau sense, about the preliminary speech about sciences, that the scientific-technological forces are guided by ambiguous meaning that contributes with planetary “domination”, as well as it contributes to increase our fragility. The technological modernity seems to lead us to what we are determined by. Thus the general applied sciences, which are fragmented of sociological and social knowledge, are unarmed in front of unforeseen catastrophes, as well as the helplessness in the responsibility of the lack of alerts.

Against a seismic and maritime accident on such a size we send all our solidarity, our greater support and we are made available, this availability it is from the impulse of feeling naturally twinned, and institutionally linked because of the singularity situation of co-coordinating with the ISA’s directors the 2012 II
ISA FORUM in Buenos Aires, as a silver bridge to del XVII World Sociological Congress.

Buenos Aires is in the geographical antipodes of Yokohama, but this destiny of collective constructions, of intellectual sociological meetings makes our feelings been closer and strengthened with you, animated to think that knowledge construction depends materially of collective constructions and depends of the context which breeds it, today without a doubt global, public and co-productive.

These are our efforts for you to know that we are with you and also we send you our best and great feelings of accompanying and solidarity.

And there will be no storms
that change
our eagerness
shared
by calmed sunrises
and sunny gardens.

We send you a big and fraternal affectionate greetings for you and your society.

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