



# World Society of Victimology

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Esteemed President Hu Jintao,

It is with great concern and sympathy that I write to you on behalf of the victims of the massive earthquake that struck your county on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Monday. I join with all the members of the Executive Committee, on behalf of our Society to express our heartfelt condolences for those families and friends who have lost their loved ones; and, for those who survived but were injured; we wish them a hasty recovery. I am sorry this disaster has struck your country and that so many people have died or are suffering. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you in this time of crisis and sadness.

For those members of our society who wish to volunteer their services to you, please let me know if there are any organizations in Sichuan Province that are providing psycho/social crisis intervention and that might benefit from this type of help. It might be possible to organize a response team of people who can come and have had experience working in disasters before but may not know where to go or whom to contact. Of course each of these volunteers would pay their own way to Chengdu and also bring their professional credentials with them to verify their qualifications.

If the World Society of Victimology can help in any other way, please let me know.

With all my respect and deep concern,

John P. J. Dussich, President  
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