



*Embassy of Japan*  
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Your Excellency,

It is with deep sorrow that I received the news of the passing away of the Honourable Member of the Parliament Mr. Jiří Ventruba, Chairman of the Czech-Japanese Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group.

On behalf of the Japanese Government and Japanese people, and on my own behalf, I present my deepest condolences to his family, his friends, his colleagues in the Czech Parliament, and to the whole Czech people, to all who lost their beloved husband, father and leader.

Chairman Ventruba was a long-time passionate friend of Japan. He was a very energetic and affectionate person. I met him on my arrival to the Czech Republic. He captured me with his strong belief in advancing further the parliamentary exchange between our two countries in every field. He was working hard towards strengthening the ties between his native town of Brno and the Japanese town of Sakai.

On his departure from this world, I renew my pledge to work closely with the Czech Government, the Parliament, and Czech people on the deepening of the friendship between Japan and the Czech Republic, and on our cooperation to fight the pandemic that took his life, which is the most pressing challenge for both our countries.

I humbly pray so that his soul may rest in peace.

Your sincerely,

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Embassy of Japan

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Speaker  
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of the Czech Republic  
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