

Feedback from concert's participants

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Below is some of the feedback from the participants of "Building Bonds of Hope" concerts.

- I was very touched by beautiful chorus, which I wished more people could attend. I was moved by not only the chorus itself, but also how much the chorus group prepared until today. Songs that everybody can sing along and a session which you can experience being a conductor really entertained us and made me even cry. I felt the chorus group's heartiness and sincerity. I gained courage to step forward.
- The beautiful chorus resonated with my heart. I wish I can keep smiling like today.
- The concert was so enjoyable that time flew by. There are many obstacles in life, but the concert gave me so much courage and hope.
- I laughed so much after so long. Thank you so much for the songs which came straight to my heart. I will do my best from tomorrow.
- We are still facing numerous challenges of reconstruction, but today's concert gave me courage and inspiration. I will think positively and do my best.
- I was surprised by beautiful voices from these guys! I laughed by their cute dances and funny MCs. I enjoyed the concert very much!
- From the first song, the chorus group gave me goose bumps. I tried hard to keep my tears back. Their expression touched my heart. I will bring my friend next time.
- Through listening to the songs, I recalled the day of the earth quake. Then I determined to move forward with never-defeated spirit. Gentle singing voice healed

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me.

- For the first time in so long, I laughed so much. The chorus group's smile was very encouraging.

- We do not have chance to listen to professional chorus live, so I was very impressed.

We sang a song of 'homeland' together with the chorus group. I wish someday I can sing this song without sad thoughts.

- The concert was greater than I expected. Thank you very much.

- The old songs made me feel nostalgic and at ease. I want to attend the concert again.

- Very thankful to the powerful singing voice. I will do my best.

- The singing voice was very powerful which I could not believe is coming from only 16 chorus members. I could not help to say "amazing!" after each and every song. Their dance was awesome! I really enjoyed the session which participant can be a conductor.

Song of "Flowers Will Bloom" and "Mother" made me cry. Thank you for such wonderful time. Next time, please sing Japanese idol group's hit songs!

- I can have hope for the future because after the earthquake and tsunami I can feel human bonds and sincerity more than ever.

- Now we are striving for returning to our hometown in Fukushima as soon as possible.

When we return, I want to invite the chorus group to perform to celebrate.