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Ascend Worldwide's CEO Recounts Earthquake Drama

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LONDON (Dow Jones)--The boss of aviation industry consultancy Ascend Worldwide returned to the U.K. Tuesday after being caught in Japan's earthquake.

Gehan Talwate, who has run the London-based firm since 2005, told how he was travelling on a train a short distance from Tokyo Friday when the massive earthquake hit, triggering a tsunami, events that may have claimed more than 10,000 lives. Talwate recounted how he struck up a friendship as he made his way out of the country, and how he was impressed by the calmness of citizens in coping with disaster.

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