

## Japan Platform to launch Emergency Response to Hokkaido Earthquake

-Dispatched initial emergency survey team to the afflicted areas and swiftly assessing needs; begins call for donations-

Japan Platform (hereafter referred to as JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) has decided to begin providing aid in the regions afflicted by the 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake, which occurred at 3:08 AM on Sep. 6.

Along with this decision, JPF has also started its call for donations and asks for your cooperation.



(Photo) Members of JPF's initial emergency survey team heading to the affected regions on the same day that the earthquake struck

### Emergency Response to Hokkaido Earthquake

- Period: Three months (initial response)
- Budget: 30 million yen (funding from the private sector)
- Location: Afflicted regions in Hokkaido (such as Iburi Subprefecture, Sapporo and its surrounding areas)

\*The program period and budget will be re-examined as needed depending on the local situation.

#### ● Overview and background for aid

- ◇ At 3:08 AM on Sep. 6, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.7 and focal depth of approximately 37km<sup>\*1</sup> struck Hokkaido, with the epicenter located in the mid-eastern part of Iburi Subprefecture. JPF's emergency initial survey team<sup>\*2</sup> departed around noon on Sep. 6 and arrived on the ground on Sep. 7. It is currently working with local governments and aid organizations to carry out assessments to understand the local situation and to build upcoming responses based on what is needed. Together with the Japan Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (JVOAD) and JPF member NGOs, JPF will swiftly provide emergency aid based those needs.
- ◇ Up to now, there have been 21 fatalities. 11 people are currently in critical condition and 8 people are missing. As for physical damage, 31 buildings have fully collapsed and 19 have

partially collapsed. 264 evacuation centers have been set up with and 16,554 people has been taking shelter in them<sup>\*3</sup>.

- ◇ Currently, not all of the specific needs for aid have been fully grasped yet, but based on the size of the disaster and the situation, JPF predicts that there is a large variety of immediate needs including relief efforts, medical support and aid at evacuation centers.

Further updates will be reported on the JPF website as well as through its Facebook page.

\*1: Report from Japan Meteorological Agency on Sep. 6 \*2: Refer to page 2

\*3: [11th Report \(As of 6:00 AM, Sep. 8\) on the Damages Caused by the 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake](#)

Donations are accepted through the following account:

**[Donation account for Emergency Response to Hokkaido Earthquake]**

\*Donations are accepted from Sep. 7, 2018 through Dec. 7, 2018 (The program implementation period may be extended depending on the situation)

<b>Bank name</b>	MUFG Bank, Ltd. (Swift Code: BOTKJPJT)
<b>Branch</b>	Head Office (Bank Address: 2-7-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8388, Japan)
<b>Account Type</b>	Saving
<b>Account No.</b>	0212722
<b>Account name</b>	TOKUHI JAPAN PLATFORM

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\*1: Funds for emergency mobilization assessment comes out of our General Donations, which is our reserve fund during non-emergency times. If you feel inclined to help us prepare for future domestic disasters, please support us through the following ways:

**General Donation**

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<b>Bank Name:</b>	MUFG Bank, Ltd. (Swift Code: BOTKJPJT)
<b>Branch:</b>	Head Office (Bank Address: 2-7-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8388, Japan)
<b>Account Type:</b>	Saving
<b>Account No.:</b>	0717028
<b>Account Name:</b>	TOKUHI JAPAN PLATFORM

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JPF was founded in 2000 as a new and uniquely Japanese framework for emergency humanitarian assistance. In order to deliver prompt and effective assistance within and outside of Japan, JPF coordinates the efforts of NGOs, the business community, and the government, all of which participate as equal partners, and provides various types of support to member NGOs in Japan. Since 2000, we have built out trust through over 1,400 projects in 47 nations and regions totaling over 54 billion yen in assistance as we promoted cooperation among corporate partners and NGOs and accurately reported our activities. We share information and create humanitarian assistance projects together with our 42 member NGOs with diverse strengths. After the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, over 7 billion yen had been provided from corporate and individual donors for disaster relief, and we partnered with locally-coordinating intermediary support organizations in

providing assistance for local NGOs and contributed to the systemic development towards reconstruction.

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