

Dear Rotarians

March 17, 2011

We have all witnessed the horrible devastation caused by the earthquake and resulting tsunami that hit Japan last week. Obviously, we all want to step forward and assist. No doubt many of you are wondering how best to help. In anticipation of those inquiries I am sending out this letter.

As most of you know, Rotary is at its best in helping with regard to medium and longer term recovery following a disaster. Long after the emergency teams have gone home, Rotary remains involved and in fact steps up its efforts focusing on how best to rebuild the communities affected. We are the ones that will be in it for the long haul, since we have Rotarians living in those hard hit communities.

I am sure as time passes we will hear the stories of the hardships encountered not just by these communities, but by our own fellow Rotarians. Many of you may recall the devastation experienced by Sri Lanka following the last major tsunami. However, this devastation was followed by some amazing long-term work from the Sri Lankan Rotarians as they drove the rebuilding efforts for 20 elementary schools in Sri Lanka.

I urge each of you to make certain that there is a balance to the giving by all involved. We need to make certain that we provide immediate help and we also must make certain that Rotary is able to help our own Japanese clubs rebuild their communities. After all it is all about building communities and bridging continents.

In response to the disaster in Japan, District 6000 is setting up a line item through our Humanitarian Fund to deposit donations for Japan's recovery. I would ask each of you to give to this fund to assist our fellow Rotarians' recovery in Japan. Please make donations to:

District 6000 Humanitarian Fund Memo line Japan

Please send your donations to:
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