

CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ON THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

The President of the Republic of South Africa, HE Mr. Jacob G. Zuma, has today, Friday, 11 March 2011, on behalf of the Government and the people of South Africa, extended the country's deepest condolences to the Government and the people of Japan following the massive earthquake and Tsunami that struck parts of Japan.

President Zuma said "I wish to extend our condolences to the Government and the people of Japan. The people of South Africa share the pain and loss of the loved ones, their homes and property and our thoughts and prayers go to the affected families."

The South African government wishes the rescue and recovery teams every success in their efforts. The Government of South Africa stands ready to assist in whatever manner possible within our limited resources.

The Department of International Relations & Cooperation's Consular Services is in contact with our Embassy in Japan to assess any assistance required by South African citizens that may have been affected.

Members of the public who have family in Japan are requested to contact the Department's Consular Section at:

012 351-1750;

012 351-1751; or

012 351-1000

For further information please contact Mr. Clayson Monyela spokesperson for DIRCO on 082 884 5974

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