Press Release



Humanity First Canada

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Humanity First Responds to 8.9 Japan Earthquake

Local Humanity First Team is on site to assist in Relief Work

Concord, Ontario, Canada – An earthquake of 8.9-magnitude struck Japan on Friday around the eastern coast affecting many cities and tearing apart homes, highways and bridges with a current death toll of hundreds which is expected to rise.

The earthquake was strongest ever recorded and has resulted in seven meters high tsunami causing havoc in vast areas followed for hours by more than 50 aftershocks, many of them of more than magnitude 6.0.

Humanity First has alerted its Disaster Response Team and volunteers are on standby for deployment while further assessment is being done by our local team in Japan who travelled more than 7 hours to reach the affected area.

Humanity First is also accepting donations for the relief work. People may go on our website <u>www.humanityfirst.ca</u> to donate online or they can send cheques to Humanity First.

Humanity First has also recently responded to the natural disasters in Haiti, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines and Indonesia. Currently Humanity First is working on the long term rehabilitation phase in Haiti and Pakistan after the recent earthquake and floods.

For further information, please visit our website at www.humanityfirst.ca

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Notes to editors:

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