



Ireland Japan Association Press Release, 17th March, 2011

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The Ireland Japan Association would like to express its deepest sympathies to the Japanese nation and offer its condolences to all those who have lost loved ones in the recent earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

Strong bonds have developed in recent years between the two nations and between individuals in the two countries and this adds to the sense of loss which we feel.

Any Irish people who are concerned about relatives and friends in Japan should contact the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs on (01) 4082000. Please refer to the following webpage for further information: <http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=419>

The Ireland Japan Association has set up a special fund for those anxious to contribute in a practical way to help those affected by the disaster. The fund is called the "Ireland Japan Association - Earthquake Appeal". The account is located in Bank of Ireland, St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Account details are as follows:

Account Name: Ireland Japan Association –Earthquake Appeal

Account Number: 81235601

Sort Code: 900084

Swift Code: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE52 BOFI 9000 8481 2356 01

Those wishing to donate by credit card can do so via:

http://www.mycharity.ie/charity/ireland_japan_association_-_earthquake_appeal/

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