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TO : All FSM Citizens residing in Japan

FROM FSM Embassy, Japan

SUBJECT : Mega-Earthquake Awareness and Preparation

As a result of the series of earthquakes occurring in southern part of Japan in Kyushu area, particularly the magnitude 7.1 earthquake striking off the coast of Miyazaki Prefecture yesterday afternoon, tsunami warnings were triggered and released as of this morning.

The Japan Meteorology Agency, a division of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, has released its first-ever alert warning about a possible mega earthquake, which may register to about a magnitude 8-9, around the Nankai Trough. Areas suspected to be affected include but are not limited to islands of Kyushu, Shikoku and parts of Honshu including Aichi and other prefectures to areas farther east closer to Tokyo such as Shizuoka prefecture.

The Embassy urges citizens residing all around Japan to take precautionary steps and remain prepared for any disaster, especially in the case of a so-called mega earthquake. This includes preparing a week's supply of emergency food and items and discussing evacuation routes and safety guidelines with your local communities and families. Also, please continue to monitor the warnings and update shared by the Government of Japan.

For more disaster preparedness information, please see link below for a guide tailored for Tokyo, but general enough for all areas of Japan:

https://www.bousai.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/book/pdf/en/02 Lets Get Prepared.pdf

We seek your assistance in sharing updates with our Embassy staff to ensure your safety and well-being at all times.

Thank you,

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