



CITY OF KITAKYUSHU

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Dear Everyone Overseas,

About the effects of the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster on the City of Kitakyushu

I would like to express my cordial thanks for your concerns and support regarding the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster. The 9-magnitude earthquake on March 11th 2011 was the greatest in Japan's recorded history.

While receiving sympathy and support from more than 130 countries and regions, around 40 international organizations, a large number of nongovernmental organizations and from all over the world, Japan stands together and puts all its strength in the earliest possible reconstruction of the disaster area.

We at the City of Kitakyushu also provide whatever assistance we can, for example, fundraising, campaigns, offering accommodation for victims, sending relief supplies to affected areas or dispatching local officials to the disaster area.

Our city is located more than 1000 km away from the disaster area and was therefore not affected by the earthquake, the tsunami or the accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant.

Furthermore there are no changes in civilian life in Kitakyushu and the Kitakyushu Airport and all other means of transport as well as accommodation facilities can be used as usual.

Also the radiation dose is equivalent to last year's norm and the human body is therefore completely unaffected. The most recent information about the amount of radiation can be seen on the homepage of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology below (in English, Chinese and Korean), so please check for the latest updates.

I hope I can reassure you and we appreciate your continuing support. Let me conclude by expressing that it would be a pleasure for me and all citizens if we could welcome you to our city.

*MEXT - Nationwide radiation monitoring data

<http://www.mext.go.jp/english/>

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