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[The Nippon Foundation News] Noto Peninsula Earthquake Update

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. The Foundation continues to be actively involved in relief and recovery efforts on the Noto Peninsula in the Sea of Japan, which experienced major damage from a magnitude 7.6 earthquake that struck on January 1. With five weeks having passed, some people whose homes were destroyed are beginning to move into temporary housing, but as of February 5 more than 10,000 people were still staying in evacuation centers. Electricity has been mostly restored but some areas are still without running water. With roads to the hardest-hit areas initially impassable, The Nippon Foundation has delivered kerosene, diesel fuel, power generators, water tanks, showers and sinks with self-contained water systems, and other items by ship from Kanazawa Port. Cardboard beds, providing warmth and privacy compared with sleeping on the floor, have also been delivered to evacuation centers.

To facilitate these efforts, we are asking for donations to the Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness. The entire amount of donations received will go to relief efforts; donations will not be used for the Foundation's administrative expenses.

Donations can be made using the following link
[Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness \(external site\)](#)



Using heavy machinery for initial recovery work at a fishing port in Suzu City (left) and a fishing boat departing for its first voyage of the year, running on diesel fuel provided by The Nippon Foundation (right)

For more information regarding the Foundation's support for disaster recovery and the Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness, please click on the following links.

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Picture Book Teaches Children About Ocean Debris

Traditional folk hero 'Momotaro' conquers trash flowing into Seto Inland Sea



Momotaro, a story of a baby boy found in a peach who grows up to conquer ogres, is one of Japan's most well-known folk stories. The Setouchi Oceans X project, jointly by four prefectures bordering the Seto Inland Sea and The Nippon Foundation, has published a picture book that can be read to young children using the story of Momotaro adapted to teach children about ocean debris. Okayama Prefecture, one of the prefectures involved in the project, is popularly considered to be the birthplace of Momotaro.

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First 500 Cardboard Beds Delivered to Evacuation Center in Suzu City

HEROs support for affected areas



The Nippon Foundation's HEROs project, which promotes social contribution by top-tier athletes, has begun providing support to areas affected by the January 1 Noto Peninsula earthquake. As a first round of support, 1,200 cardboard beds are being installed at evacuation centers in response to requests from affected areas. The beds are being purchased using donations from the general public and in cooperation with clubs and club stakeholders of Japan's professional men's basketball and soccer leagues.

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Kerosene, Diesel Fuel, Power Generators, Water Systems Delivered by Ship

From Kanazawa Port to hardest-hit areas



In response to requests from local governments in damaged areas, The Nippon Foundation delivered a first round of relief items to the city of Wajima on January 10, sending 2,000 liters of kerosene, 1,000 liters of diesel fuel, and five power generators by ship from Kanazawa Port. The cities of Wajima and Suzu and the surrounding area, where the earthquake damage was the greatest and located near the tip of the Noto Peninsula, and damage from the earthquake has made these areas inaccessible by road.

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