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Message of Solidarity to JTUC-RENGO

Dear President Tomoko, dear colleagues,

I was deeply saddened to learn of the Reiwa 8 Kumamoto Earthquake, which struck on the afternoon of 28 July with a maximum seismic intensity of 7. On behalf of the ITUC Asia-Pacific, I would like to convey our heartfelt sympathy to everyone affected by this devastating disaster.

As the intense summer heat continues, many people are facing great hardship, coping with disruptions to water and electricity supplies while enduring life in evacuation centres. Our thoughts are with all those affected, and we sincerely hope that they will soon be able to return to safe, healthy and peaceful everyday lives.

I would also like to pay tribute to JTUC-RENGO members and all those working tirelessly on the front line to rescue survivors, provide relief, and support the recovery and reconstruction of the affected communities. Their unwavering commitment, compassion and solidarity at this most difficult time embody the very best of the trade union movement.

Please know that the ITUC Asia-Pacific stands shoulder to shoulder with JTUC-RENGO and the people of Japan. Should there be anything we can do to support your efforts, however small, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are ready to help in any way we can.

Our thoughts and solidarity are with you all.

Yours sincerely,

Shoya Yoshida
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