



Myanmar Red Cross Society Press Release

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The Myanmar Red Cross Society, under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, has arranged to assist those who have lost contact with their family members due to natural or man-made disasters, both national and international. This service was offered following Cyclone Nargis in 2008, resulting in 447 beneficiaries reestablishing contact with their family, and 12 children being reunited with their family. Following Cyclone Giri in 2010, MRCS helped 23 beneficiaries reestablish contact with their family.

Presently there are numerous natural and man-made disasters occurring globally, most recently the massive earthquake of magnitude 9 and tsunami which occurred in Japan on 11 March. The Japanese Red Cross Society is working hard to assess and respond to the humanitarian needs. The number of missing is increasing and there are fears that the death toll could reach 10,000 or more. 430,000 people are presently housed in 2,500 evacuation centres, mostly in schools and other public buildings. The areas most affected are the prefectures of Miyagi, Iwate, Fukushima, Tochigi and Ibaraki.

The Red Cross is facilitating registration of people in Japan who are safe and well. Myanmar Red Cross Society can assist people in Myanmar who may be concerned about their relatives in Japan to search these lists and to register the details of their missing relatives. Red Cross will be cross checking the information received and will inform family members of any relevant news.

Please contact Myanmar Red Cross Society Restoring Family Links Unit if you have lost contact with your family members due to the earthquake in Japan and wish to make an inquiry. This service is offered free of charge by the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

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