

JFUNU Donations for the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake Relief

Request of Cooperation

On 1 January 2024, the Noto Peninsula Earthquake devastated the Noto Peninsula and the surrounding Hokuriku region. Additionally, further damage occurred due to heavy rainfall on September 21. Rescue, evacuation and recovery efforts have been progressing, but rebuilding livelihoods and local industries will be a long-term endeavour. Japan Foundation for United Nations University (JFUNU) would like to express our condolences to all those affected by the earthquake.

The Japan Foundation for the United Nations University (JFUNU) supports the United Nations University (UNU) headquartered in Japan which contributes, through collaborative research and education, to efforts to resolve pressing global problems of human survival, development, and welfare. UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) has been implementing various research and educational activities in Noto peninsula. These include conservation of *satoyama* and *satoumi* landscapes, the FAO Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) programme, and development of models for localizing the SDGs supported by the communities of the Noto Peninsula. The people of Noto have also supported the activities of the secretariat of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI).

JFUNU stands together with the people of the Noto Peninsula, who are facing significant challenges due to the recent earthquakes and heavy rains. We are committed to supporting the ongoing recovery efforts and have launched a donation scheme to help communities on the Noto Peninsula return to normal life as soon as possible and reconstruct livelihoods preserving *satoyama* and *satoumi* landscapes. All donations received will be fully distributed to the following organizations that are closely collaborating with UNU-IAS on resilient reconstruction in the affected areas by utilizing *satoyama* and *satoumi* initiatives.

- **Noto Regional Association for GIAHS Promotion and Cooperation**
Composed of nine municipalities within the Noto region, this council is responsible for developing conservation plans and promoting conservation initiatives for the Noto GIAHS (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems). Noto GIAHS Biodiversity Working Group has been established within the council, consisting of experts, local government officials, and related organizations (including UNU-IAS OUIK, UNU-IAS's Operating Unit located in Kanazawa City, Ishikawa). This group is dedicated to conserving and utilizing the biodiversity of the Noto region, which has been recognized as a GIAHS site. Past activities include the creation of educational materials related to GIAHS biodiversity and conducting wildlife surveys in collaboration with local schools.
- **Noto Satoyama Satoumi Meister Network**
This organization focuses on the conservation of the GIAHS Noto's Satoyama and Satoumi, utilization of local resources, and passing down traditional culture and wisdom to future generations. They promote research, human resource development, and activities to maintain community engagement based on citizen initiatives, aiming for the sustainable development of *satoyama*, *satoumi*, and local communities. The Meister Network (comprising graduates of the Meister Program) includes artisans preserving Noto's traditional culture, stakeholders in agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, as well as individuals involved in recovery efforts. They provide support for the revival of local livelihoods.
- **Miraino Tomoshihi Association**
This organization, established after the earthquake, has been actively engaged in various initiatives as part of regional development, serving as a hub for human resource development, community engagement, and economic activities. It focuses primarily on supporting children and students while deepening collaboration with local communities.
- **Notojima Nature Village Nagasaki**
This organization, which has been engaged in various activities such as village forest management, the use of forest materials to make salt, creating biotopes, and conservation of endangered species (plants), is located in Notojima, Nanao City. They have collaborated on United Nations University events, investigations, and post-earthquake well research, among other activities. Building on these ongoing efforts, they are now considering approaches for disaster-resilient water use by utilizing existing wells and facilities.
- **Noto Fukko Labo**
This organization was established as a private volunteer center for the recovery of the region, centered around Mii-machiin Wajima City. Under the belief that rediscovering and revitalizing the region's cultural heritage and history is key to its recovery, the organization has been actively engaging with local and external connections to bring about new possibilities for the community. Through these efforts, they are working towards creating a new and vibrant future for the region.
- Other organizations to be considered as deemed necessary upon consultation with the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability.

Please refer to the reverse side for details on the donation procedure. Your warm donation would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Donations to JFUNU are eligible for tax benefits in Japan. Please check with your local tax office or tax advice office.

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Donation Procedures

1. How to donate?

Please fill in the donation application form at the URL below and transfer the funds to the account below.

Donation Application Form URL : <https://forms.office.com/r/EKqtC8tv4B>



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Bank Remittance

From Japan:

MUFG Bank Ltd. (Financial Institution Code: 0005)

Shibuya Branch (Branch Number: 135)

Account #: 2872951 (Ordinary Account)

Account Name: “Zai Kokurendaigaku Kyoryokukai Saigai Fukko Shien Bokin”

** Please note that you will be responsible for the bank transfer fee.*

From Overseas:

Beneficiary Bank: MUFG BANK, LTD. Shibuya Branch (Branch Number: 135)

SWIFT Code: BOTKJPJT(BOTKJPJTXXX)

Beneficiary Account Number: 135- 2872951

Beneficiary Name: JFUNDU

Payee's Address: 5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8925, JAPAN

TEL: 81-3-5467-1369

** This account is only for JPY Denomination.*

Donation in other currencies will be automatically converted to yen in Japan side.

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2. Donation Period: 1 January to 31 December 2026

3. Receipt: If you require a receipt for your donation, please indicate this on the donation application form.

4. Tax Benefit in Japan:

Tax benefit could be applicable to this donation, by showing the remittance receipt in your final income tax return.

5. Official Announcement of Your Name:

Donators' names will be released in our website. Please indicate on the application form whether or not you would like to receive this service.

6. Be Distributed to:

Organizations working on resilient reconstruction in the affected regions by utilizing Satoyama and Satoumi initiatives (as stated in the fundraising statement). If you wish to designate a specific recipient for your donation, please select your preferred organization.

7. Contact to: The Japan Foundation for the United Nations University (JFUNDU)

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