

## Disaster Relief: Organizational and Individual Responsibility

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Dear KIU Employees,

Thank you for your tremendous support of our organizational efforts. We would like to briefly update you on our team efforts to date as well as remind you of the importance of preparing for the new academic year.

### Disaster Relief: A Multi-Level Approach

To support the precious people in Tohoku, the KIU organization (academy/university) continues to implement a disaster response at three levels – internationally, nationally and locally.

- **Internationally** – KIU has partnered in the past and is partnering again with World Vision to provide relief in Tohoku. Due to KIU friends and families very generous donations, we plan to give **Y81,700** on your behalf. Please visit (<http://www.wvi.org/wvi/wviweb.nsf>) to learn more about how your generosity is helping the neediest in Tohoku. Relief funds been sent on March 23, 2011.
- **Nationally** – CRASH Japan is a well-respected Christian disaster relief organization headquartered in Tokyo Japan. Several members of the KIU organization have trained with CRASH and are considering future volunteer relief efforts in Tohoku. Tentatively, the **Y70,000** that was to be spent for the year-end employee recognition luncheon is earmarked to support the CRASH relief efforts and was sent on March 23, 2011. Thank you for your generous support!
- **Locally** – Closer to home, Mr. Homma (Assistant Business Manager) has pro-actively communicated with officials within Kyoto and Nara prefectures regarding KIU's eagerness to assist with prefectural relief efforts to the best of our abilities. Officials are grateful (and pleasantly surprised) and will let us know more as they work on their disaster response efforts.

### Disaster Relief: An Integrated Plan

Clearly, the people of the Tohoku region and the country of Japan will take time to heal and rebuild. KIU wants to contribute to the healing and rebuilding process by implementing a short, intermediate and long term plan.

- **Short-Term** – In the near term, as noted above, we are donating money to satisfy immediate human needs.
- **Intermediate Term** – The local prefectures have informed us that there will be opportunities to help locally – such as a warehouse volunteer work to help prepare items to go to the Tohoku region; and,
- **Long Term** – Teams from KIU, possibly this summer, will likely be going to the Tohoku region to support relief and rebuilding efforts. You may wish to consider, given the extended summer vacation, this opportunity.

### New Semester Preparations

We are proud to have you as our employees and appreciate your generous response of money, time and talent to the people of the Tohoku region. With the activity of recent weeks and with the new academic year fast approaching, as KIU professionals, these are three important reminders.

- **Final Grades (Tue, 3/29)** - All grades are due by March 29. Those in charge of reviewing grades and final comments may need to contact you to ensure the proper input of information for our students and families;
- **First Workday (Mon, 4/11)** - The first workday is April 11<sup>th</sup> with classes starting on April 14<sup>th</sup> (Thursday).
- **Travel Plans (Break)** - If you plan to go to the Tohoku region during break, please let our office know the dates (departure/return) as there are many items that require coordination (i.e., scheduling, book orders, other school year preparation etc.). For planning purposes, we would like to know who is available during this time.

Thank you again for your generous giving of time, talent and energy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Tony Barrera, Earthquake Relief Committee Head