## 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake donations and relief funds (Interim Report)

The Consular Office of Japan in Saipan has been accepting donations for the Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Funds soon after the disaster happening on April until June 30<sup>th</sup>. With the donations received directly to our office as well as the collected donations from the several efforts of Japanese Society of Northern Marianas, we would like to inform that on July 5<sup>th</sup>, the collected donations of more than \$17,000 has been sent to the Government of Japan.

Please be noted that as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, Japan Red Cross Society has concluded its acceptance of donations for the Kumamoto Relief Fund from foreign countries but has extended the period of donations towards Japan Red Cross Society from Domestic Japan until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Accordingly the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan will continue to accept donations towards the Government of Japan which the money will be delivered to the affected people through the local government.