

Relief Money in Response to the Earthquake Centered in the Kumamoto Region of Kumamoto Prefecture 2016

Following the Earthquake Centered in the Kumamoto Region of Kumamoto Prefecture 2016, the Government of Japan decided to accept relief money from foreign governments, foreign individuals, companies and Japanese residents abroad, in the following manner:

1 Information regarding Consular Office of Japan in Saipan acceptance of donations for relief money.

(1) The Consular Office of Japan in Saipan is accepting monetary donations by cash or check.

(note) The relief money received by the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan will be sent to the account of the Government of Japan later. If you wish to send your donations to the Japanese Red Cross Society, please notify the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan. The donations sent from the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan to the Japanese Red Cross Society will be used as “Gien-kin(donations)” (please see 2(1) below for more details).

(note 2) After relief money is received by the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan and sent to the account of the Government of Japan or to the Japanese Red Cross Society, the money will be delivered to the affected people through local government.

【Donations by check】

Check to: Consular Office of Japan

Memo: Earthquake Relief Fund

(2) If you wish to obtain a receipt, please inform our staff upon your visit to the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan. Also please be noted that receipt for donations by check will be provided after deposit has been confirmed.

2 Japanese Red Cross Society Account Information

The Japanese Red Cross Society is also accepting relief money provided voluntarily from overseas Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, governments, individuals, as “Kyuen-kin(relief funds)” (the distinction between “Kyuen-kin(relief funds)” and “Gien-kin(donations)” is explained in the account information section). The following is the information of the account opened for this purpose:

【Account information】

Bank Name: SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION

Branch Name: GINZA BRANCH

Account Number: 026-8372918

SWIFT Code: SMBCJPJT

Bank Address: 5-8-10, Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

Beneficiary Name: The Japanese Red Cross Society

Beneficiary Address: 1-1-3, Shiba Daimon, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Telephone: +81-3-3438-1311

【Attention regarding relief money to the Japanese Red Cross Society】

a) Red Cross Society Use of Funds

For the Earthquake Centered in the Kumamoto Region of Kumamoto Prefecture 2016, in principle, relief money to the Japanese Red Cross Society from abroad (outside Japan) will be categorized as “Kyuen-kin (relief funds)” as opposed to “Gien-kin (donations)”. Please see the note below for the distinction between “Kyuen-kin” and “Gien-kin”.

If you wish to have your relief money used as “Gien-kin” instead of “Kyuen-kin”, after your relief money are transferred via the process above, please send an e-mail to the Japanese Red Cross Society (donation@jrc.or.jp) that includes:

- Subject: Funds sent as “Gien-kin”
- Your name
- The amount of the relief money
- The date when the relief money was donated
- The name of the bank from which the relief money was transferred

Note: Definition of “Gien-kin” and “Kyuen-kin” for the Japanese Red Cross Society

“Gien-kin”: funds sent by the Japanese Red Cross Society to affected local governments and municipalities, which are then given to affected people.

“Kyuen-kin”: funds that will be directly used by the Japanese Red Cross Society to perform relief and rescue operations related to this specific earthquake disaster.

b) Requesting a Receipt

In principle, the Japanese Red Cross Society does not automatically issue receipts for relief money. If you wish to receive a receipt, please send an e-mail to the Japanese Red Cross Society (donation@jrc.or.jp) that includes the following information:

- Subject: Request for Receipt
- Your name
- The amount of the relief money
- The date when the relief money was donated

- The name of the bank from which the relief money was transferred

3 Relief Money Acceptance Account by Local Governments of the Affected Area

Local governments of the affected area have also opened accounts to accept donations. Please check websites of each local governments for more information. If you wish to see the information of the account opened by Kumamoto Prefecture, which is one of the most severely affected areas, please check the following website.

○ [Call for 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake Donations](#)