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MESSAGE TO ALL CAMEROONIANS RESIDENT IN JAPAN.

Fellow compatriots,

Since the devastating earthquake of the 11th March 2011 that rocked the Tohoku region of Japan, the Tsunami that followed, leading to the loss of over 11,000 lives, and unprecedented damage to property and public infrastructure, our country like many others was deeply touched by the plight of the people of Japan following this natural disaster.

In this regard, The Head of State, His Excellency President Paul BIYA in solidarity with the government and people of Japan, sent a message of condolences to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. He further instructed that, our Embassy should be kept open and furthermore all necessary measures should be taken to protect the Cameroonian Community if the need arises.

In Yaoundé, our Minister of Communication briefed the press on the evolution of the situation, especially considering the fact that many Cameroonians reside in the Prefectures near the disaster area; on the measures taken by the Government of Japan to ensure that reports of all unaccounted foreign residents in the affected areas are properly channeled to rescue officers. So far, there are no reports of Cameroonian victims of the earthquake and Tsunami.

At the Embassy, we have then remained open to the public and continue to work in close concert with the Executive Bureau of the Association of Cameroonians resident in Japan (ACAJA) to bring all available information on the aftermath of the quake and notably the spread of radioactivity from the Fukushima Nuclear Plant.

I would like to seize this opportunity to congratulate ACAJA for its efforts in communicating directly information on the ongoing situation through e-mail with the Cameroonian community in Japan.

As we continue to follow up developments on the current situation, I would like to seize this opportunity to urge all members of our community resident in Japan to abide by the directives issued by the local authorities of Government of Japan in their respective Prefectures of residence.

As it is materially impossible to invite you all to the Embassy, I have once again invited the Bureau of ACAJA, representatives of our Community, to the Chancellery for an urgent meeting on matters relating to the situation in our host country.

Finally, while seizing the opportunity to congratulate the courage and dignity of the Japanese People in the face of this catastrophe of unprecedented magnitude, my prayers go to all who have lost their homes, properties and loved ones.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO PROTECT AND BLESS THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN

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