



EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CAMEROONIANS RESIDENT IN JAPAN. Tokyo, Tuesday March 29, 2011.

As part of the continuous exchange between the Embassy and the All Cameroonians resident in Japan following the Earthquake and Tsunami of March 11, 2011, a meeting was held at the chancellery between the Embassy and members of the Executive Bureau of the Association of Cameroonians resident in Japan (ACAJA).

During the meeting, the Ambassador briefed the Association of the appreciation of the situation in Cameroon. He noted the following

- the shock of the Government concerning the extent of the damage caused by the disaster
- Instructions of the Head of State to ensure that our compatriots are free of danger from radioactive exposure.
- The organizing of a requiem mass for the victims of the disaster at the Yaounde Notre Dame cathedral.

On behalf of ACAJA, the President of the Association gave an assessment of the current situation within our community.

He observed that:

- The association has located all their members and there are not reports of loss of life.
- A Cameroonian teacher in Fukushima City was directly affected by the tsunami and is currently displaced and living with friends in Saitama
- A member of the association married to a Japanese citizen lost her in-laws who reside in the Sendai area.
- Due to questions on the increase of radioactivity in water supplies, the Association has embarked on the distribution of bottled water to families with young children.

In conclusion, the Ambassador further added that the current situation is closely monitored by the Government and if the need arises, families will be evacuated from Tokyo.

He informed ACAJA that;

- The Government of Japan has set up a mechanism for locating missing foreign nationals and any reports should be channeled through the Embassy.

- The current situation at the Fukushima Nuclear Plant although serious, is being closely monitored by the Government of Japan and International experts.
- The radioactivity levels in the Tokyo metropolitan area poses not threat to health at this time,
- The use of Potassium Iodide is not recommended at this time unless otherwise so instructed by Japanese Health authorities .
- He called on all Cameroonians who haven't done so already to register at the Embassy irrespective of their immigration status.
- Links are provided on the website of the Embassy for rapid consultation of the disaster prevention resources of various cities and prefectures including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Ambassador recommended that these discussions should be included on the Agenda of next scheduled meeting of the Association on Sunday April 3, 2011.



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