

PRESS RELEASE

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Samoa donates US\$100,000 to Japan disaster

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi Wednesday 16th March 2011 – at his office - presented Resident Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Mr Manabu Aiba, a cheque of US\$100,000 towards the Japan government’s recovery efforts following the devastation caused by the 8.9 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Said the Prime Minister, “The donation is not much, but it is the spirit in which we give to the people of Japan following the devastation we saw on live television. Images that have affected us very deeply.

“Japan and Samoa have had excellent relations through the years and the impact of earthquakes and tsunamis on our countries, our people and our economies are experiences we both share.”

Mr Aiba thanked Prime Minister Tuilaepa on behalf of the government and people of Japan and assured that the Samoan government’s warm regards will be relayed to Tokyo.

Foa’i e Samoa le US\$100,000 mo Iapani

Na tauaao e le Afioga i le Palemia, Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi i le Aso Lulu 16 Mati 2011 se meaalofa tupe e US\$100,000 i le Sui o le Lālā o le Faalapotopotoga Faavaomalo a Iapani i Apia (JICA), Manabu Aiba, e fesoasoani ai mo galuega toe faaleleia a le Malo Iapani, ona o le mafui’e ma le galulolo matautia lea na aafia ai lea atunuu.

Na saunoa le Afioga i le Palemia, “E lē o se meaalofa tele, a e o le agaga ua mafua ai le foa’i mo tagatanuu o Iapani ona o le ogaoga o aafiaga e pei ona tatou vaaia i luga o televise. O ni vaaiga ua o’otia tele ai i tatou.

“E mafanafana so’otaga i le va o Samoa ma Iapani i le gasologa mai o tausaga, ma ua tatou tofo uma foi i le matautia o aafiaga o mafui’e ma galulolo i o tatou atunuu, o ō tatou Malo, ma o tatou tamaoiga.”

Na faafetaia e le Sui o Iapani, Manabu Aiba le Afioga i le Palemia e fai ma sui o lona Malo ma na ia faailoa mai foi o le a faao’o atu lava i tagata Iapani mo’omo’oga alofa ma faamafanafanaga o le Malo o Samoa.

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