

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, until 31 March 2017, in the following manner:

1 Information regarding the account of the Embassy of Japan in Belgium for Relief Money

(1)The Embassy of Japan has opened the following account to accept relief money.

(note) The relief money received by the Embassy of Japan will be sent to the victims through local authorities. Remittance charges will be covered by relief money.

【Account information】

Bank Name : Belfius Banque

Branch Name : Bruxelles Rue de la Loi

Account Number(IBAN) : BE52 0689 0541 5609

SWIFT Code : GKCC BEBB

Bank Address : Rue de la Loi 82, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgique

Beneficiary Name : Ambassade du Japon E

Beneficiary Address : Rue van Maerlant 1, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

Telephone : +32(0)2.513.23.40

The Embassy of Japan accepts relief money in cash(only in Euros) at its reception too.

(2) If you wish to obtain a receipt, please send an email with the following details to the Embassy of Japan in Belgium (info@bx.mofa.go.jp) :

1. Subject: Request for Receipt
2. Your name
3. The amount of the relief money
4. The date when the relief money was donated
5. The name of the bank from which the relief money was transferred

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 is transferred via the process above, please send an e-mail to the Japanese Red Cross Society (donation@jrc.or.jp) with following information:

- 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) with 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 government 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 \(English\) \(Official HP of Kumamoto Prefecture\)](#)