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Relief Money in Response to the Kumamoto Earthquake

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Following the Earthquake Centered in the Kumamoto Region of Kumamoto Prefecture 2016, the Government of Japan has decided to accept relief money from foreign governments, foreign individuals, companies and Japanese residents abroad. The Embassy of Japan in Finland has opened the following account to accept relief money.

[Account information]

Bank Name: Nordea Finland

Branch Name: International Branch

Account Number: FI40 1820 3000 0427 05

SWIFT Code: NDEAFIHH

Reference: 3337

Beneficiary Name: Kumamoto Earthquake Donations

For detailed information on sending relief money, including how the money will be used and alternative methods to send relief money, please see the link below:

<http://www.fi.emb-japan.go.jp/download/Kumamoto>

As a result of the earthquake, there have been 49 victims, 357 persons with serious injuries and 1,302 persons with minor injuries (AO 13.05.). Over 2,700 homes have been completely destroyed, and over 35,000 homes have been partially destroyed or damaged (AO 13.05.). In Kumamoto Prefecture, over 10,000 people are living in evacuation shelters in 251 locations (AO 13.05.). Most of the basic lifelines such as gas and electricity have been restored, but 670 homes still have no access to water (AO 12.05.)

On 22 April, 5000 packages of Valio's Tuuti (ready-to-feed milk-based infant formula) was sent to Japan to assist people living in the earthquake-affected regions. On 18 May, the Finnish companies who supported this project, namely Valio, Finnair and Niemi, will receive Official

Certificates of Commendation from the Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Jota Yamamoto, in recognition of their contribution to alleviating the suffering of those who have been affected by the Kumamoto earthquake.

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