

Palau ready to come to Japan's aid after "Hagibis" destruction

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President Tommy Remengesau, Jr., in expressing his sympathies to Japan after it was hit by Super Typhoon Hagibis last week, said that Palau is ready to come to Japan's aid "in any way it can."

In a statement dated October 14 that was addressed to Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the

president expressed sympathy to the Japan government and its people that were devastated by Super Typhoon Hagibis which hit the country on Saturday, October 12.

"Palau will continue to stand by Japan, its close friend and ally. In this respect, just as Japan has come to Palau's aid in its times of need, so too is Palau ready to

come to Japan's aid in any way it can," the president said.

Remengesau also pointed out that the two successive typhoons that hit Japan just a month apart after the other is the latest example of why there is a need for the global community to address climate change.

Typhoon Faxai also struck Japan in September this year and

claimed the life of one person and left more than 30 people hurt.

Just last week, Super Typhoon Hagibis, which was the worst storm to hit the country in decades, made landfall in Izu Peninsula, Southwest of Tokyo and eventually moved to the east coast. At least 40 people were dead and 16 were reported missing as of the latest reports yester-

day.

"The people of Palau offer their prayers as Japan begins to recover and rebuild from this latest disaster, whose devastation continues to unfold. I am confident that, in due time, the people of Japan will rise from these calamities, emerging stronger and more resilient than ever before," the president stated in the letter.