

## Palau Red Cross Society raises \$24,555.78 for Japan after Typhoon Hagibis

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A final tally from Palau Red Cross Society's fundraiser showed \$24,555.78 raised by Palau to help Japan after Typhoon Hagibis left a wake of devastation across Izu Peninsula on October 12 of this year.

In an expression of gratitude, Ambassador Karasawa had this to say about the fundraiser:

"I would like to say that on behalf of the Embassy of Japan and all the Japanese people, please accept our heartfelt appreciation to the people of Palau for their prayerful thoughts and for their

practical expression of friendship. Japan will prove to be resilient because of having friends like you."

Typhoon Hagibis struck Japan on October 12 leaving 89 people death and over 300 injured. Hagibis destroyed and damaged more than 7,400 houses in Japan. Additionally, as of October 30th, NHK World- Japan reports that "nearly 4,000 people in 11 prefectures remained at evacuation shelters.

Typhoon Hagibis was preceded by a tornado, flooding and followed by an earthquake after landfall. The total estimated loss due to the damages incurred by the disaster is \$9 billion dollars.