



Information on the earthquake in Kumamoto

<Update as of 21st April >

A magnitude-6.5 foreshock struck Kumamoto Prefecture in Southern Japan on 14th April 2016. This was followed by a 7.3 magnitude earthquake on 16th April. Aftershock tremors continue to be felt around Kumamoto.

As of 10am, 21st April 2016, at least 59 people have been confirmed dead, 1200 people injured and 93,000 people have been evacuated in Kumamoto and Oita prefecture.

We have not received any information regarding deaths or casualties that involve JET participants* in the affected areas in Kyushu island where Kumamoto is located.

2 JET participants from Australia and 2 JET participants from New Zealand are currently taking shelter in emergency centres in Kumamoto prefecture.

We will continue to keep you updated with the latest information regarding this tragedy.

Please refer to this link for any news updates regarding this tragedy:

<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/japan/>

(*The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme invites young college graduates from around world to participate in international exchange work and be involved in foreign language education at Japan's local government offices, Board of Education, and schools. 14 JET participants from Australia and New Zealand are currently working in Kumamoto Prefecture.)

