

# 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake Donations

The Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne has opened a bank account to collect donations in relation to the recent Kumamoto Earthquakes. All donations received in the account will be forwarded to the Japanese Red Cross Society to be utilised as Gien-kin\*<sup>1</sup>. We will accept your donations to the Japanese Red Cross Society until June 30, 2016\*<sup>2</sup>. Please see below for further details:

**Name of Bank:** Westpac

**Branch Name:** 114 William Street, Melbourne

**BSB Code:** 033003

**Account Name:** CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN - MELBOURNE

**Account Number:** 522462

\*<sup>1</sup>Gien-kin: funds sent by the Japanese Red Cross Society to affected local governments, which are then given to affected people.

\*<sup>2</sup>If you wish to send your donations to the Government of Japan instead of the Japanese Red Cross Society, please contact our office.

The Consulate General of Japan will keep the above account open for donations to the Government of Japan for those affected by the Kumamoto Earthquakes until 31 March 2019.

Please state if you require a receipt of your donation from the Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne, although a receipt issued by the Consulate-General of Japan in Melbourne is not tax deductible.

If you wish to donate directly to Kumamoto Prefecture, please visit the following links. Please note that the Japanese Red Cross Society ceased to take donations directly from overseas for their relief activities as of June 15, 2016.

Kumamoto Prefecture:

[http://www.pref.kumamoto.jp/kiji\\_15456.html](http://www.pref.kumamoto.jp/kiji_15456.html)