



FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)

'11 MAR 14 P3:15

SENATE
P. S. RES. NO. 429

RECEIVED BY 

Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONCERN OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN ON THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI THAT DEVASTATED THE COUNTRY ON MARCH 11, 2011

WHEREAS, on the afternoon at 2:46 p.m. (12:46 a.m. ET) of March 11, 2011, a very powerful earthquake of 9.0 magnitude (Japan Meteorological Agency) hit the northeast coast of Japan, causing the massive loss of lives of thousands of people, injuring countless others and displacing tens of thousands of people as a result of the 30-foot walls of water that swept across rice fields, engulfing entire towns, dragging houses onto highways, and tossing cars and boats;

WHEREAS, reports say that estimated losses will total at least \$100 billion dollars, including \$20 billion in damage to residences and \$40 billion in damage to infrastructures such as roads, rail and port facilities;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of one of the world's most destructive earthquakes and the strongest to hit Japan in recent history, and which, by far, according to the Prime Minister of Japan, Naoto Kan, "*in the 65 years after the end of World War II, the toughest and most difficult crisis for Japan*", the people continue to be distressed by numerous aftershocks, insufficient food supplies, water, and even heat for the affected people as tens of thousands of missing people are still beyond the reach of rescue workers;

WHEREAS, the Kyodo News Agency reported more than 15,000 people have been rescued since March 11; and while 1,598 people were reported to be officially dead on Monday, March 14, however, according to the official sources from Japan, the final death toll could be exponentially higher;

WHEREAS, emergency rescue teams and other offers of assistance, support and relief have already come from several countries and the European Union;

WHEREAS, His Excellency President Benigno Simeon Aquino III, in his letter to Prime Minister Kan, extended the support and assistance of the Philippine government as Japan strives to cope with the aftermath of this tragic event;

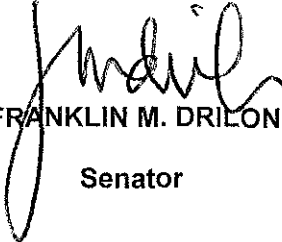
WHEREAS, the Philippines continues to remember, with appreciation, all the emergency relief and humanitarian assistance that the Government and the people of Japan have extended to our people during our own times of crises brought about by natural disasters in our country;

WHEREAS, although faced with a most severe crisis, the Japanese people possess incredible resilience and courage to overcome any destruction and loss and the whole Philippine nation manifests its high hopes and fervent prayer that the people of Japan will surmount the challenges ahead; NOW THEREFORE Be It

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express as it hereby expresses its profound sympathy and sincerest concern and compassion for the people of Japan and its Government following the ravaging earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011; and

RESOLVED Further, to express its solidarity with and support to the people and government of Japan and affirm our strong unwavering friendship as they rebuild their cities and their lives.

Adopted,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Senator