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Message to the Japanese cooperative movement on Typhoon Hagibis

On behalf of the International Labour Office (ILO) and its Cooperatives Unit, I would like to convey our deep condolences to the families of victims by Typhoon Hagibis in Japan. I wish a speedy recovery to all those affected.

At the same time, we are encouraged by the news that Japanese cooperatives have launched various initiatives to support the prompt recovery from this disaster. These include the dispatch of volunteers by agricultural cooperatives, delivery of relief supplies by consumer cooperatives, provision of special loans to the affected members by financial cooperatives, prompt payment of insurance benefits by insurance cooperatives, among others.

The ILO's experience in supporting post-disaster actions in different countries confirms the importance of community-based organizations like cooperatives and their collaboration with different stakeholders towards the reconstruction of livelihoods. Such organizations can also play a key role in building preparedness and resilience against natural disasters.

We wish safety, strength and courage to all co-operators who have been committed to the recovery efforts in Japan.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Simel Esim', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Simel Esim
Head
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