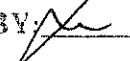


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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 8.9 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK NORTHERN JAPAN ON MARCH 11, 2011 WHICH RESULTED TO LOSS OF LIVES AND MASSIVE DEVASTATION IN JAPAN

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011 (Friday) at around 2:25 in the afternoon, local time, a 8.9 magnitude earthquake struck Northern Japan or 130 km at the eastern coast of Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture;

WHEREAS, the earthquake generated a 10 meter high Tsunami which further devastated many parts of the Japan Pacific coast and resulted to thousands of deaths and still undetermined amount of damage to properties;

WHEREAS, the 8.9 magnitude earthquake is considered as the strongest in Japan's recorded history and the seventh strongest in the world in the last 100 years also resulted to massive power outages in many parts of Japan;

WHEREAS, Japan, which is still grieving from the loss of lives of thousands of its citizens and reeling from the devastation of the earthquake and tsunami, is faced with yet another possible disaster or nuclear meltdown as a result of the breakdown of the cooling system in the Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant's reactor in Fukushima Prefecture;

WHEREAS, Japan, being an industrial country and the 3rd biggest economy in the world, became helpless in the sheer power of nature and did not escape the devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami;

WHEREAS, many countries, including the Philippines, have pledged assistance and readiness to help Japan and international efforts are being coordinated for the search and rescue efforts as well as the rehabilitation programs;

WHEREAS, Japan is an important economic partner and ally of the Philippines and is the biggest donor-country or overseas development assistance contributing a total of US\$20.560 billion to the Philippines from 1967 to 2008;

WHEREAS, Japan is the host country of 305,972 Filipinos of which 224,558 are in the central and northern regions, of whom 7,800 are active

members of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration throughout Japan and 2,600 in Tokyo, Sendai and Miyagi;

WHEREAS, Japanese and Philippine friendship, and strong relations are thriving and it is time to show our utmost concern and solidarity with the people of Japan in the midst of the suffering and loss they are experiencing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express the profound sympathy and solidarity of the Philippine Senate to the People and Government of Japan in the aftermath of the 8.9 magnitude earthquake that struck Northern Japan on March 11, 2011 which resulted to loss of lives and massive devastation in Japan.

Adopted,



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