IOC Circular Letter No. 2466
(Available in English only)

To: Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) and Tsunami National Contacts (TNCs) of the following Member States: China (Peoples Republic of), France (French Polynesia), Indonesia, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

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Regional Organizations cooperating with UNESCO/IOC
Director, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)
Director North West Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC)
Director, International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC)

Subject: Notification and Instructions Regarding NWPTAC Communication Tests for the Registered NWPTA Focal Points

This letter is to notify that the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC) will conduct a communication test on **30 January 2013 at 0500 UTC** to verify that communication links to the recipient organizations are functioning properly.

Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) should expect to receive the test message within a few minutes of issuance through all their designated communication methods. These may include:

1. Global Telecommunications System (GTS) using World Meteorological Organization product header “WEPA40 RJTD”, the same product header used by NWPTAC to issue a NWPTA.
2. Email - coming from “nwpta@epos4-tk.eqvol2.kishou.go.jp”
3. Telefax – sent to designated fax numbers

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TWFPs should check to ensure that the test message is received via all of their designated communication methods. TWFPs are requested to complete and return the acknowledgement form by telefax to +81 3 3215 2963. In case of receiving two messages or more via the GTS, TWFPs are required to refer only to the first message in the acknowledgement form. Prompt response (preferably by 0600 UTC on 30 January 2013) will be highly appreciated. Results of this communication test will be processed by NWPTAC and also forwarded to UNESCO/IOC for their records and/or follow-up.

Please note that the communication test will be postponed in case real tsunami advisories are in effect for the Northwest Pacific region, or if a large event (even a non-tsunamigenic one) occurs in and around Japan at this time, which would fully occupy JMA operators. In this event, the test will be conducted on the next day, 31 January 2013 at around 0500 UTC.

Thank you for your attention to the test. Ensuring the operational functionality of all communication methods is critical to the effectiveness of the Pacific Tsunami Warning System (PTWS) in the Northwest Pacific region.

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Executive Secretary, IOC
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

**Enclosures:** Sample test message and acknowledgement form
Sample Message of Telefax

TEST for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA)

Date: 30 January 2013

From: Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)

To: Registered Focal Point for NWPTA to be issued by NWPTAC (JMA)

NWPTA COMMUNICATION TEST
ISSUED BY NWPTAC (JMA)
ISSUED AT 0500Z 30 JAN 2013

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE.

THIS TEST MESSAGE IS SENT TO EACH RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE COMMUNICATIONS STATUS.

Acknowledgement form

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

Date:

To: Takeshi KOIZUMI
Senior Coordinator for International Earthquake and Tsunami Information
Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)

Facsimile: +81 3 3215 2963

Acknowledgement form for reception of the NWPTA test message

1. Name of country

2. Recipient organization

3. Responsible office

4. Officer in charge

Name:
5. Reception status of the NWPTA test message

(1) GTS
   ・ Received ( ) time of receipt (UTC)
   ・ Failed to receive ( ) at the receiving terminal: h m
   ・ Not registered ( )

(2) E-mail
   ・ Received ( ) time of receipt (UTC): h m
   ・ Failed to receive ( )
   ・ Not registered ( )

(3) Facsimile
   ・ Received ( ) time of receipt (UTC): h m
   ・ Failed to receive ( )
   ・ Not registered ( )