IOC Circular Letter Nº 2502
(Available in English)

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9 January 2014

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

ICG/PTWS Chair and Vice-Chairs

cc: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC from the following Member States: China (Peoples Republic of), France, Indonesia, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of the following Member States: China (Peoples Republic of), France, Indonesia, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

UNESCO Offices in Bangkok, Beijing, Hanoi and Jakarta

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)

International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC)

Permanent Observers to ICG/PTWS

IOC Officers

Subject: Notification and Instructions Regarding NWPTAC Communication Tests for the Registered NWPTA focal points

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Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to notify that the NWPTAC will conduct a communications test on January 29, 2014 at 0500 UTC to verify that communications links to the recipient organizations are functioning properly.

TWFPs should expect to receive the test message within a few minutes of issuance by all of 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

TWFPs should check to ensure that the test message was received via all of their designated communication methods. TWFPs are requested to complete and return the acknowledgement form by telex 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 29 January 2014) is highly appreciated. Results of this communications test will be processed by NWPTAC and also forwarded to UNESCO/IOC for their records and/or follow-up.

Please note that the communications test will be postponed if actual tsunami advisories are in effect for the Northwest Pacific region, or if a large event (even if non-tsunamigenic) occurs in and around Japan, which makes JMA operators occupied in it. In the case, the test will be conducted on the next day; at around 0500 UTC on 30 January 2014.

Thank you for your attention to the test. Ensuring the operational functionality of all communications methods is critical to the effectiveness of the PTWS, for the Northwest Pacific region.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Executive Secretary, IOC
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
Sample Message of Telefax

TEST for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA)

Date: 29 January 2014

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 29 JAN 2014

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 ( )