IOC Circular Letter N° 2677
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To: Registered NWPTA focal points of the following countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China (Peoples Republic of), Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap), France (French Polynesia), Indonesia, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Viet Nam

Cc: Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
International Tsunami Information Center
IOC Tsunami Unit

Subject: Notification and Instructions Regarding the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC) Communications Test for the Registered NWPTA focal points, 1 August 2017 at 05:00 UTC

By this letter I wish to notify that the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center will conduct a communications test on 1st August 2017 at 05:00 UTC to verify that communications links to the recipient organizations of its tsunami advisories in the above-mentioned countries and territories in the Northwest Pacific region are functioning properly.

Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) should expect to receive the test message within a few minutes of issuance by all of their designated communications 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 an advisory
2. E-mail – coming from nwpta@eqvol2.kishou.go.jp
3. Telefax – sent to designated fax numbers.

TWFPs should check to ensure that the test message is received via all of their designated communications methods. TWFPs are requested to complete and return the acknowledgement form by telefax to +81 3 3215 2963, and/or e-mail to hokusei@eqvol2.kishou.go.jp. Prompt response (preferably by 0600 UTC on 1st August 2017) is highly desirable. Results of this communications test will be processed by NWPTAC.
Please note that the communications test will be postponed in case actual tsunami advisories are currently in effect for the Northwest Pacific region, or if a serious event (even if non-tsunamigenic one) occurs in and/or around Japan, which requires the full involvement of Japan Meteorological Agency operators. In the event, the test will be carried out at 05:00 UTC on 3 August 2017.

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]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2):

Sample Message of Telefax (test for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA))
Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message
Sample Message of Telefax

TEST for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA)

Date: 1 August 2017
From: Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC)
       Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)
To: Registered Focal Point for NWPTA to be issued by NWPTAC (JMA)

NWPTA COMMUNICATIONS TEST
ISSUED BY NWPTAC (JMA)
ISSUED AT 0500Z 1 August 2017

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE.

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

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM ENCLOSED WITH IOC CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2677 AS WELL AS THIS MESSAGE, BY TELEFAX AND/OR E-MAIL TO:
+81 3 3215 2963
HOKUSEI AT EQVOL2.KISHOU.GO.JP
Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message

Date: ________________

To:  Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC)
     Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)
     Facsimile: +81 3 3215 2963
     E-mail: hokusei@eqvol2.kishou.go.jp

Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message

1. Name of country: _______________________________________________________________________

2. Recipient organization: ___________________________________________________________________

3. Responsible office: _____________________________________________________________________

4. Name of officer in charge: ___________________________________________________________________

5. Reception status of the NWPTA test message

(1) GTS
   [ ] Received (Time of receipt (UTC): ___________ h __ m)
   [ ] Failed to receive
   [ ] Not registered

(2) E-mail
   Registered address 1: ___________________________________________________________________
   [ ] Received (Time of receipt (UTC): ___________ h __ m)
   [ ] Failed to receive
   [ ] Not registered

   Registered address 2: ___________________________________________________________________
   [ ] Received (Time of receipt (UTC): ___________ h __ m)
   [ ] Failed to receive
   [ ] Not registered

   Registered address 3: ___________________________________________________________________
   [ ] Received (Time of receipt (UTC): ___________ h __ m)
   [ ] Failed to receive
   [ ] Not registered

(3) Facsimile
   Registered number 1: ___________________________________________________________________
   [ ] Received (Time of receipt (UTC): ___________ h __ m)
   [ ] Failed to receive
   [ ] Not registered

   Registered number 2: ___________________________________________________________________
   [ ] Received (Time of receipt (UTC): ___________ h __ m)
   [ ] Failed to receive
   [ ] Not registered