

Emergency Assistance to the Bushfires in Australia

17 January 2020

On 15 January, the Government of Japan dispatched a Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Self-Defense Force Unit and emergency relief goods through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to Australia, in response to the damages caused by the bushfires in Australia, in light of the humanitarian perspective and the friendly relationship between the two countries.

The SDF Unit which arrived at the RAAF Base Richmond in New South Wales on 16 January will engage with the transport of recovery equipment and personnel involved with firefighting and recovery efforts.

This assistance followed the telephone talk held on 7 January between Mr ABE Shinzo, Prime Minister of Japan, and the Hon Scott Morrison MP, Prime Minister of Australia. The Foreign Minister Mr MOTEGI Toshimitsu also sent a message to Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, on 18 November, 2019.

Related Media Releases:

Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002755.html

Japan-Australia Summit Telephone Talk

https://www.mofa.go.jp/a_o/ocn/au/page4e_001175.html

Message from the Foreign Minister

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002683.html

Australian Department of Defence

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