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Church of Christ in Japan [CCJ]

Korean Christian Church in Japan [KCCJ]

Oriental Deaf Christ Evangelical Church [ODEC]

Asia Evangelical Missionary Fellowship [AEMF]

**SUBJECT:** News of Landslide in Atami, Shizuoka Prefecture (3 July 2021)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Greetings to you from Taiwan! These few words come on behalf of the officers and members of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) to express our sincere condolences for the loss of lives and the loss of homes and other infrastructure in the city of Atami, Shizuoka Prefecture. We understand from news reports that the tragic landslide last Saturday was attributed to the extremely heavy downpour of rain in the area which fell in a period of 48 hours.

We were deeply sorry to hear of this most recent disaster in your country and that in the midst of all the challenges surrounding the COVID-19 global pandemic. As always the PCT assure you of our prayers and deep concerns. How well we know such calamities and disasters involve years of recovery beyond the initial rescue attempts and our hearts go out to the community in Atami.

When your respective churches have had time to make an assessment report of the situation and identify needs of the victims the PCT would appreciate hearing from you. In such times of turmoil we are called to stand alongside our partners with compassion and in solidarity not only in our prayers but in our offering. As we are reminded of the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 "**... its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.**"

Sincerely yours in Christ

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