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UNITAR Hiroshima expresses condolences for the victims of the Chile Earthquake

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Hiroshima Office joins with other UN Agencies around the world in expressing its condolences to the people of Chile and the region following the earthquake which struck on 27 February. We also echo the United Nations Secretary-General's remarks expressing his condolences to those who have lost family and friends, and wishing those injured a speedy recovery.

The death toll from this earthquake, the strongest to strike Chile in more than 50 years, officially stands at 723 people. The public health arm of the United Nations is already working in the region assessing the healthcare needs of survivors.

Some 80 per cent of the South American country's population was affected by the 8.8-magnitude quake, which occurred just off the coast of Chile in the early hours of Saturday 27 February, according to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

UNITAR would like to ask the people of Hiroshima for their thoughts and prayers as our hearts go out to all who have been impacted by this event. We wish the very best to the rescue and support teams who have been mobilized in response to this emergency as well as to the Chilean people themselves.

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