

PRESS RELEASE

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<u>UNITAR Hiroshima expresses condolences for the victims of the Haiti Earthquake</u>

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 Haiti and the region following the catastrophic earthquake which struck on 12 January.

The United Nations flag, flying above the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce and Industry building in central Hiroshima is at half-mast and will remain so for the duration of the week 18-22 January to mourn the victims of this disaster and to show our sadness also for our United Nations colleagues amongst the missing and the dead.

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 tragedy. 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 Haitian people themselves in the long road to recovery.

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