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## **Condolence message and donation to the earthquake affected people in China**

A massive earthquake measuring 8.0 on the Richter scale struck the southwest area of China on 14:28, 12 May 2008. The epicenter was in Wenchuan County, 92 km northwest of the Sichuan provincial capital of Chengdu, affecting a vast area, including 10 provinces/cities (Sichuan, Gansu, Shaanxi, Chongqing, Yunnan, Hubei, Guizhou, Henan, Shanxi, Hunan). As of 25 September, the death toll had reached 69,227 with 374,643 injured and 17,923 missing; 15,106,207 people were evacuated, and 46.25 million people were affected. The earthquake destroyed 7,967,436 rooms and 24,542,906 rooms were damaged. Rail transport, power supply, water and sanitation facilities, critical infrastructure such as hospitals/clinics and lifeline facilities, roads, buildings and communications were badly damaged throughout the affected region.

As a professional disaster management organization focusing on Asia and the Pacific, the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) immediately provided technical advices and a number of suggestions on the earthquake response, relief and reconstruction to China through the Chinese Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand after the earthquake occurred. On 21 May, Dr. Bhichit Rattakul, Executive Director went to the Chinese Embassy in Bangkok to express deep condolence to the earthquake victims on behalf of ADPC. On 5 June, three staff (Ms. LingLing, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Anup) offered donation in cash collected from staff for the effected people to the Embassy.

Below is the translated text of the thank you message to ADPC staff from Mr. Diao Mingsheng, Permanent Representative of China to UNESCAP, the Chinese Embassy handed over to the representatives of ADPC staff.

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Dear ADPC staff,

We are pleased to receive your donation in the amount of Baht 35,000 to people of affected areas caused by the massive earthquake disaster in China. Your kindness fully embodied your sincere care and heart to those affected Chinese people. We will deliver your donation to people of the affected areas as soon as possible, and on behalf of the affected people express our heartfelt thanks for your generous support and great humanitarianism spirit.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
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