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**IOC Circular Letter No 2850**  
(Available in English only)

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13 July 2021

To: Registered NWPTA focal points of the following countries: China (Peoples Republic of), Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap), France (French Polynesia), Indonesia, Korea (Republic of), Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands

Cc: IOC-UNESCO national focal points of the above countries  
Pacific Tsunami Warning Center  
International Tsunami Information Center  
IOC Tsunami Unit

**Subject: Notification and Instructions regarding the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC) Communications Test for the Registered focal points of NWPTAC Advisories scheduled on 3 August 2021 at 0500 UTC**

By this letter, I wish to notify that the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center will conduct a communications test on **3 August 2021 at 0500 UTC** to verify that communications links to the recipient organizations of its tsunami advisories in the above-mentioned countries and territories in the Northwest Pacific region are functioning properly.

Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) should expect to receive the test message within a few minutes of issuance by all of their designated communications methods. These may include:

1. Global Telecommunications System (GTS) using World Meteorological Organization product header WEPA40 RJTD, the same product header used by NWPTAC to issue an advisory
2. E-mail – coming from [nwpta@eqvol2.kishou.go.jp](mailto:nwpta@eqvol2.kishou.go.jp)
3. Telefax – sent to designated fax numbers.

TWFPs should check to ensure that the test message is received via all of their designated communications methods. TWFPs are requested to complete and return the acknowledgement form attached hereafter by Telefax to +81-3-3584-8644, and/or e-mail to [nwptac\\_hokusei@met.kishou.go.jp](mailto:nwptac_hokusei@met.kishou.go.jp). Prompt response (preferably by 0600 UTC on 3 August 2021) is highly desirable. Results of this communications test will be processed by NWPTAC.

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Please note that the communications test will be postponed in case actual tsunami advisories are currently in effect for the Northwest Pacific region, or a serious event (even non-tsunamigenic one) occurs in and/or around Japan, which requires the full involvement of the Japan Meteorological Agency operators. In the event, the test will be carried out at 0500 UTC on 5 August 2021.

Thank you for your attention to the test. Ensuring the operational functionality of all communications methods is critical to the effectiveness of the PTWS for the Northwest Pacific Region.

With the assurance of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

Vladimir Ryabinin  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2):

Sample Message of Telefax (test for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA))

Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message

Sample Message of Telefax

TEST for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA)

Date: 3 August 2021

From: Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center  
of the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)

To: Tsunami Focal Point for NWPTA

NWPTA COMMUNICATIONS TEST  
ISSUED BY NWPTAC (JMA)  
ISSUED AT 0500Z 03 AUG 2021

THIS IS A TEST MESSAGE.

THIS TEST MESSAGE IS SENT TO EACH RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION  
IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE COMMUNICATIONS STATUS.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM ENCLOSED WITH  
IOC CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2850 AS WELL AS THIS MESSAGE, BY TELEFAX AND/OR  
E-MAIL TO:

+81 3 3584 8644

NWPTAC UNDERSCORE HOKUSEI AT MT.KISHOU.GO.JP

Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC)  
Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)

Facsimile: +81-3-3584-8644

E-mail: nwptac\_hokusei@met.kishou.go.jp

Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message

1. Name of country : \_\_\_\_\_
2. Recipient organization: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Responsible office : \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of officer in charge: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Reception status of the NWPTA test message

(1) GTS

- Received (Time of receipt (UTC): \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ m)
- Failed to receive
- Not registered

(2) E-mail

Registered address 1 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received (Time of receipt (UTC): \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ m)  
 Failed to receive  
 Not registered

Registered address 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received (Time of receipt (UTC): \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ m)  
 Failed to receive  
 Not registered

Registered address 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received (Time of receipt (UTC): \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ m)  
 Failed to receive  
 Not registered

(3) Facsimile

Registered number 1 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received (Time of receipt (UTC): \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ m)  
 Failed to receive  
 Not registered

Registered number 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received (Time of receipt (UTC): \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ m)  
 Failed to receive  
 Not registered