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

C.c.: IOC and UNESCO national focal points of the above concerned 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 5 December 2023 at 0500 UTC

By this letter I wish to inform you that the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC) will conduct a communications test on 5 December 2023 at 0500 UTC. The goal is to verify that the communication channels between the Center and the recipients of its tsunami advisories in the above-mentioned countries and territories of the Northwest Pacific region are operating properly.

The concerned Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) should expect to receive the test message within a few minutes of issuance through all their designated communication 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
3. Telefax – sent to designated fax numbers.

The concerned TWFPs should verify that the test message is received by all of their designated communication methods. TWFPs are requested to complete the acknowledgement form attached hereafter and return it by Telefax to +81-3-3584-8644 and/or by e-mail to nwptac_hokusei@met.kishou.go.jp. Prompt responses (preferably by 0800 UTC on 5 December 2023) is highly desirable. The results of this communications test will be processed by NWPTAC.

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Please note that the communication test will be postponed in case actual tsunami advisories are taking place in the Northwest Pacific region or if a serious event (including non-tsunamigenic one) is occurring in/or around Japan that day. The test will be then carried out on 7 December 2023 at 0500 UTC.

Ensuring the operational functionality of all communication methods is critical to the effectiveness of the Tsunami Warning System in the Northwest Pacific Region.

Thank you for your continuous cooperation.

With assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2):

Sample of a test telefax message sent by the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory – Annex 1

Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message – Annex 2

Sample Message of Telefax

TEST for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA)

Date: 5 December 2023

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 05 DEC 2023

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. 2967 AS WELL AS THIS MESSAGE, BY TELEFAX AND/OR
E-MAIL TO:

+81 3 3584 8644

NWPTAC UNDERSCORE HOKUSEI AT MET.KISHOU.GO.JP

Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTA test message

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