

**IOC Circular Letter No 2996**  
 (Available in English only)

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 29 April 2024

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

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 28 May 2024 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 28 May 2024 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](mailto: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](mailto:nwptac_hokusei@met.kishou.go.jp). Prompt responses (preferably by 0800 UTC on 28 May 2024) is highly desirable. The 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 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 30 May 2024 0500 UTC.

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

Thank you for your continuous cooperation.

With assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*[signature]*

Vidar Helgesen  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2): Appendix 1/ Sample of a test telefax message sent by the Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTAC)  
Appendix 2/ Acknowledgement form for receipt of the NWPTAC test message – Annex 2

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Sample Message of Telefax

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TEST for Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory (NWPTA)

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Date: 28 May 2024

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

To: Tsunami Focal Point for NWPTA

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NWPTA COMMUNICATIONS TEST  
ISSUED BY NWPTAC (JMA)  
ISSUED AT 0500Z 28 MAY 2024

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