

CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN PROVIDES EARTHQUAKE-TSUNAMI UPDATE AS MARGARET WONG, RED CROSS AND COMMUNITY OFFICIALS RAISE FUNDS AND OFFER HELP

### 黃唯大律師 與藤田寬之及Maria Pujana组织日本地震海嘯救災特別活動 日本駐底特律總領事 松田邦憲和美國紅十字會大克利夫蘭地區主席Richard Pogue 做有關日本大地震和日本抗災工作以及如何幫助賑災等講演



CLEVELAND, Ohio - Last week the law offices of immigration attorney Margaret W. became the venue for recalling the loss of life and devastation that the earthquake-tsunami brought to Japan eight weeks ago.

The invitation-only event was also an occasion to raise funds and offer other forms of assistance to those displaced by the disaster and resultant nuclear contamination.

At the behest of Mrs. Wong and Hiroyuki Fujita and Dr. Maria Pujana, Kuninori Matsuda, Consul General of Japan, discussed the catastrophe that has claimed thousands of lives and displaced tens of thousands. He also provided an update on the disaster relief efforts underway in the Tohoku region since the disaster struck March 11.

Joining him on the program was Richard W. Pogue, Chairman of the Board of Directors, of the American Red Cross of Greater Cleveland. Fujita is a well-known entrepreneur who has lived in Cleveland since 1992; Dr. Pujana is a physician.

"The generous support of many people and

businesses following the devastating earthquake and tsunami has enabled the American Red Cross to be one of the largest private, international contributors," Pogue said. "We are committed to using donor dollars wisely and transparently to help meet the immediate and long-term needs of earthquake and tsunami survivors, as director by the Japanese Red Cross."

"With unimaginable catastrophes like this, we cannot just watch from here," Mrs. Wong said, as she described her efforts, with Fujita and Dr. Pujana, to put together this program. "We must act, so events like this, with Consul General Matsuda and The Red Cross, will remind us that there are people in Japan who desperately need our help."

So far, the American Red Cross has committed a total of \$133.5 million to support relief activities, with more than \$4.5 million in text donations of \$10 each as part of that sum. Initial donations from the U.S. were used to help the Japanese Red Cross provide medical care for thousands of people, to distribute relief items such as blankets, and to provide the resources to find missing people.

Throughout the summer, the Japanese Red Cross will utilize donations from the American people to outfit an estimated 72,000 temporary homes planned by the government with appliances such as washing machines, refrigerators and microwaves. This program is expected to benefit approximately 280,000 people.

The organization is exploring opportunities under the direction of the Japanese Red Cross to assist in the building of a permanent nursing school as well as a temporary hospital in one particularly hard-hit area where nearly all of the medical facilities suffered damage.

Relief efforts are ongoing and will be needed for the foreseeable future. There are four ways to donate:

\* Those who want to help can go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and donate to the Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami fund.

\* People can make a \$10 donation by texting RED-CROSS to 90999 and when prompted, specifying their donation to that fund.

\* Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make a donation for the Japan Earthquake fund.

\* Anyone can mail your check with Japan Earthquake noted in the memo section to your local American Red Cross.

Convening a program of this kind reflects Margaret Wong's community activities and philanthropy. In 1998, she received the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor for "outstanding achievements and contributions to the multicultural fabric of the United States." Two years later, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.

Internationally recognized as one of America's premier immigration law firms, Margaret W. Wong & Associates ([www.imwong.com](http://www.imwong.com)) has successfully represented thousands of employers and individuals for more than 30 years. The firm has an AV Preeminent peer-review rating from Martindale-Hubbell, indicating it has attained the highest level of professional excellence. Besides Cleveland, the firm has offices in Columbus, New York City, Atlanta and Chicago.








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