

News Release



BASF supports areas affected by the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake

- **Donation of JPY 2 million to the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan**
- **Employee donation campaign launched**

Tokyo, Japan – April 25, 2016 – BASF will donate JPY 2 million to the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan, to support victims of the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake in Japan.

Additionally, the company will launch a donation campaign among BASF employees in Japan.

Dr. Joerg-Christian Steck, Representative Director and President of BASF Japan, said, “We are saddened to learn of the devastating earthquakes in Kyushu. We offer our deepest sympathy for those affected by the earthquake and condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Our hopes and prayers for swift recovery go out to all of the people in the area.”

About BASF in Japan

BASF started doing business in Japan in 1888. Activities cover four business segments including chemicals, performance products, functional materials & solutions and agricultural solutions. The main production sites are in Chigasaki (admixtures for concrete, construction materials), Kitatone (personal care ingredients), Totsuka (coatings), and Yokkaichi (thermoplastic polyurethanes and polymer dispersions). Admixture plants for the Construction Chemicals division are also located nationwide. BASF maintains a strong research and development

presence in Japan including the BASF Asia Composite Center, established in the Yokohama Innovation Center (engineering plastics), and the Research and Development Laboratory and Application Technology Center for Battery Materials in Amagasaki. As of the end of 2015, BASF employed 1,209 employees in Japan, and achieved sales of about €1.5 billion to customers in Japan. For further information please visit: www.basf.com/jp.

About BASF

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