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To Philippine – Japan Manning Consultative Council, Inc.
For the kind of attention of Mr. Eduardo U. Manese, President

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

We are afraid that you have been in receipt of many inquiries from your members and colleagues about the influence of the extraordinary devastating earthquake and tsunami, which assaulted North East region of Japan on 11th March. We presume their biggest and basic concern may be “Whether it is safe to call at Japanese ports?”, because a nuclear power plant in Fukushima prefecture (TEPCO Fukushima No. 1 Plant) has been suffered from fewer waters for the cooling down systems of reactors and spent nuclear fuel rods.

In reply to such fears and questions, we would like to forward news by Japan’s government.

On 15th March, Japan Coast Guard promulgated the a Local Navigational Warning as below;

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Dangerous Area Designated

2nd RCG Headquarters Local Warning No.13

Promulgation TIME 161420 JST MAR.

HONSHU, E-COAST, FUKUSHIMA PREF COAST,

WITHIN 30 KILOMETERES OF FUKUSHIMA NA1NUCLEAR ELECTRIC POWER.

37-25.5N, 141-0.2E.

VESSELS ARE ADVICED KEEP MORE THAN 30 KM FROM THE PLANT.

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Today, Japan’s Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) updated its homepage as below;

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Currently, the level of radiation in Tokyo City and Yokohama City were as shown in the attachment at very safe level to health.

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=> Please see the attached “MLIT-Web” for details.

For your further information, the nuclear plant is located more than 200 kilometres north apart from Tokyo Bay, while people living 20 kilometre radius of the plant have been evacuated and people living between 20 and 30 kilometres from the plant have been ordered to stay indoors at this moment.

We believe the aforementioned facts and attachments are fair and bona fide evidences, and are eloquent enough to eliminate any irresponsible groundless rumours about Japanese ports and her coastal navigations. And we are afraid that, if we leave prevailing of such rumours, it will disturb the early recovery of normal lives for the survivors, who are desperately in need for the hearty aiding materials from all over the world. Such situation should never be allowed from humane view points. The rumours will also eventually bring irrecoverable serious adverse economical results, which may include jeopardizing of seafarers' stable employment. Therefore, I would be most grateful if you could appropriately forward the aforementioned "precise and correct news" and swiftly cooperate with us to shoot out any irresponsible rumours about them.

Last but not least, we hope we can struggle out this national crisis as soon as possible with your kind cooperation and generous help, and that we come back to the normal situation at an earliest date, so that employment and benefits of all maritime related sectors will be protected.

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Miyahara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Koji Miyahara,
President
The Japanese Shipowners' Association