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## Report from the Disaster Task Force Vol.2

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I would like to take this opportunity to offer my prayers for those who lost their lives in the Great East Japan Earthquake. I would also like to express my heartfelt sympathies to those who suffered loss in this disaster, as well as to the families of these victims.

In yesterday's report, I provided an account of the situation at the Ken-Iku Kai Group's hospitals and facilities. As we have had some updates of this information, I would like to report them to you here.

### **[Ishinomaki Hospital & Himawari Home Healthcare Service Division]**

- On March 13, at 10:30 p.m., we were contacted by the person in charge of Ishinomaki Hospital, with which we had been unable to make contact since the evening of the day the earthquake struck. (This person was able to contact us by going out of Miyagi Prefecture, once the tsunami warning had been lifted, and finding a place where cell phones could be used.)
  - All staff who were on duty at the time the earthquake struck are safe and accounted for. We are currently checking details regarding the safety of our hospitalized patients.
  - We are at present unable to confirm the whereabouts or safety of staff who were carrying out visiting nurse care or who were not on their shift that day and therefore not at work.
- On the morning of March 13, staff from the Disaster Task Force who departed by car for the disaster site to collect information and deliver relief supplies met up with the local staff.
- As communications were re-established, we were able to ascertain what kind of shortages there were at the disaster site. So, cars loaded with transfusion sets and other relief supplies (the 1st convoy) departed Tokyo on the morning of March 14 and arrived at the disaster site around 3:00 p.m. Other cars, which are carrying winter clothes and emergency provisions (the 2nd convoy), left Tokyo this evening.
- Furthermore, a support team from Hokkaido is scheduled to leave Hokkaido for the disaster site early in the morning of March 15.

### **[Iwaki Yumoto Hospital]**

- Cars loaded with relief supplies (the 3rd convoy) are scheduled to leave for the disaster site in the afternoon of March 15.

### **[Our other hospitals and facilities]**

- To deal with rolling blackouts, discussions have been held at all the hospitals and facilities to decide how to secure a supply of fuel for running emergency electric generators, as well as what to do when the blackouts occur. It has been confirmed that medical treatment can be carried out at almost the same level as in normal times.



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