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Problem of Flotsam from the Earthquake-Tsunami Disaster
(Flotsam from Great East Japan Earthquake)
Regarding Meeting of NGOs, etc. at On-Site Investigation in Hawaii State, U.S.

1. Objectives

- A portion of the flotsam from the earthquake-tsunami disaster has already washed ashore on the west coast of North America and other locations, and it is predicted that large quantities of flotsam will come near the coast in the future.
- Japan received support from many countries at the time of the disaster. In particular, the Japanese people are grateful for support activities such as “Operation Tomodachi”.
- Even though it was a natural disaster, the fact that a large quantity of flotsam from the tsunami is washing ashore on the west coast of North America and other locations and causing damage, is a grievous situation for the Japanese society.
- Regarding the problem of flotsam from the earthquake-tsunami disaster, the level of interest in Japanese society is high. Therefore, in order to convey the present situation of the west coast of North America, etc. to relevant people in Japan, on-site investigations will be conducted in January 2013 in Hawaii, and in the Portland suburbs of Oregon in February.
- In conjunction with these investigations, we would also like to convey to the citizens of the U.S., efforts at the disaster-stricken sites of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

2. Implementation Schedule and Venue

January 11, 2013 (Fri) 09:00-14:00

Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Oahu Island

3. Content of Meeting of NGOs, etc.

- (1) Participants (Estimated total of 22-25 participants: approx. 10-13 people from the U.S., and approx. 12 people from Japan).
 - NGO-related participants from each of the Hawaiian islands (including ICC Coordinators, OC)
 - Participants related to local Japanese organizations
 - Officers from state governments, NOAA, etc.
 - Participants from the University of Hawaii
 - Investigative group from Japan (JEAN, OWS, Sea Beautification Society, Partnership Office NPO, Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency)

(2) Tentative Program

- 08:00 Secretariat assemblies, preparations
08:45 Participants assemble
- 09:00-09:10 Opening speech, explanation of main objectives
- 09:10-09:20 Intermediate results of earthquake-tsunami flotsam forecast
(Ministry of the Environment)
- 09:20-09:40 Efforts at disaster-stricken sites of Great East Japan Earthquake
(Sea Beautification Society)
- 09:40-10:20 Efforts in Japan on marine litter problem (JEAN)
- 10:20-10:50 Efforts of OC, University of Hawaii
a) Response to earthquake-tsunami flotsam problem by ICC
(Nicolas Mallos, OC) (10 min.)
b) Drift forecast and other information from the University of Hawaii
(20 min.)
(Nikolai Maximenko, IPRC)
(Dr. Jan Hafner and Dr. Gisela Spiedel)
- 11:00-12:00 Situation and efforts on coastal driftage on each of the Hawaiian islands
(15 minutes each)
c) Ms. Terry Miura (ICC coordinator for the Island of Hawaii)
d) Ms. Jan Dapitan (ICC Coordinator for Maui County and Executive Director of
"Keep the Hawaiian Islands Beautiful")
e) Mike Napo'opili (Executive Director of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve
Commission (Maui County))
f) Ms. Beth Tokioka (connected to the Mayor's office and Keep Kauai Beautiful)
(in process of confirming)
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-14:00 Opinion Exchange (90 min.)
○ Presentation of information related to earthquake-tsunami flotsam problem
• Oahu Island, Chris Woolaway
• Dr. Henrieta Dulaiova (Radiology)
• Dr. Celia Smith (Alien species)

○ Responses to earthquake-tsunami flotsam drifting ashore in future, and
prior and existing marine litter problem, etc.

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