

HIPPO FAMILY CLUB

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## **Tohoku Pacific Earthquake Condolences and Information**

Our thoughts are with all the victims of the Tohoku Pacific Earthquake. We are gathering information on the well-being of all members and fellows in the affected areas. We are also collecting information on LEX / Hippo language club activities in the affected prefectures: Miyagi, Fukushima, Aomori, Akita, Iwate, Yamagata, Nagano, Ibaraki, etc. In areas that were heavily damaged, lines of communication are limited and our activities themselves are greatly disrupted.

In the Kanto area, including areas directly affected by the earthquake, we are experiencing rolling blackouts and related disruptions in transportation, and in some cases it is difficult to hold regular language club activities, open clubs, or seminars. If you are planning to attend an open club or seminar, please be sure to confirm in advance the event is actually being held.

We hope from the bottom of our hearts for a quick recovery.

### ***Establishment of the LEX / Hippo Relief Fund for Victims of the Tohoku Pacific Earthquake***

LEX / Hippo has established a relief fund for victims of the March 11, 2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake.

The earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear accident, etc. caused by the March 11, 2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake is one of the worst disasters ever. Many members and fellows throughout the Kanto and Tohoku regions have been affected in material and emotional ways. In some cases, it is a challenge to operate LEX activities. And many people, not only within Japan, but all over the world are worrying over the safety and well-being of friends and family members.

LEX headquarters has been collecting information, contacting LEX organizations around the world, and discussing how best to help. On March 17, 2011 we established the LEX / Hippo Relief Fund for victims of this disaster in order to assist LEX clubs ("Families", as we say in Japan) affected by this tragedy.

We would like to say once again how grateful we are for your continued support and to ask for your cooperation with this Fund. We are currently accepting contributions via bank transfer to the following bank accounts. We apologize, but we would appreciate it if you will bear the cost of the bank transaction fees. If we are able to accept donations through other methods in the future, we will post that information here.

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**Bank Name: Mizuho Bank**

**Bank Branch: Shinjuku Shintoshin Branch**

**Account Number: 0209-1525612**

**Name on Account: LEX Institute / Hippo Family Club**

**SWIFT CODE : MHBKJPJT**

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