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Dispatch of the second Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Team  
in response to the oil spill off the coast of the Republic of Mauritius

1. Japan has decided to dispatch the second Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Expert Team, which consists of 7 members, to the Republic of Mauritius to deal with the oil spill from the bulk carrier "WAKASHIO" which has been stranded off the coast of the country since July 25<sup>th</sup>. The team will bring items such as sorbent for oil clean-up and leave Japan on August 19<sup>th</sup> to initiate on-site environment assistance activities after arriving at the country.
2. The accident has caused serious damage over the environment of the Republic of Mauritius, which could have a serious impact on the country's tourism industry as well. Japan has decided to dispatch the team out of comprehensive and holistic consideration of all circumstances, including the request of urgent assistance from the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the friendly relationship between the two countries.
3. Japan hopes that this assistance will contribute to the recovery of the environment of the Republic of Mauritius and the prevention of maritime pollutions.

[Reference]

The first JDR left Japan on August 10, and has been engaging in its assistance activities including oil removal on site.

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