

We are deeply saddened by the many deaths and injuries caused by the earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria on February 6, 2023. On behalf of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) Japan, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the victims and their bereaved families. We also pray for the earliest possible rescue of those whose safety has yet to be confirmed. We also extend our sympathies to the injured and wish them a speedy recovery.

The WCRP Japan has developed a deep friendship with the people of Turkey and Syria. In the wake of this tragedy, we are determined to strengthen our ties with both countries and overcome this hardship together. Together with the global network of religions, we express our heartfelt prayers and solidarity for the people of the affected areas to regain peace and tranquility as soon as possible.

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