

Religions for Peace Japan's Response to COVID-19

Religions for Peace Japan has taken 3 actions against current situation of COVID-19.

1. “*RfP* Japan's Interfaith Prayer” on every Wednesday at 1:00 PM (Tokyo Time)

After having a wonderful occasion of “Interfaith Moment of Hope and Solidarity” hosted by *Religions for Peace* International on 1st April, *RfP* Japan will hold an online “Interfaith Prayer” on every Wednesday at 1:00PM in Tokyo Japan. Japanese religious leaders who affiliate *RfP* Japan will serve interfaith prayer and give spiritual guidance on Zoom Webinar. This will be broadcasted on the live. Anyone is welcomed to join the prayer. Please register from the following link.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QpJzXG7ITyeKkz0V8jhAWA

*Please note that this program is provided in Japanese at this moment.

2. Humanitarian Assistance-Distribution of Masks

Face mask is one of the important protections from infection, however, there have been shortage of masks in shops in Japan.

RfP Japan secretariats have launched a project to make hand-made masks with antibacterial processing fabrics. We plan to make 500 hand-made masks and distribute it to day-care centers for kids and elderly.



Also, CCRP kindly offered *RfP* Japan a donation of 10,000 medical surgical masks. As CCRP and *RfP* Japan's collaborative project, *RfP* Japan will distribute donated

masks to those who are most vulnerable. With utilizing *RfP* Japan's network and experience working with social welfare centers and life support centers, *RfP* Japan is selecting groups and places for distributing masks. Masks would be distributed to 1) Refugees living in Japan, 2) Support Centers for people with disabilities, 3) People living on streets, and 4) Healthcare Workers. Masks will be reached to Tokyo Office within this week.

3. Encouraging Message

RfP Japan Youth Board has launched a campaign of collecting photos and video messages from youths in Japan to send messages of hope and solidarity to those who suffer from COVID-19. Youth Board tries to collect messages as many as possible, and will extend those messages on SNS and websites on *RfP* Japan and *RfP* Japan Youth Board. Please send us your messages to rfpj-info@wcrp.or.jp.

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