



Message from H.E. Phan Wannamethee
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on Deluges and Landslides in South Western of Japan
to the Japan Buddhist Federation,
All Japan Young Buddhist Federation,
and Entire Buddhist Denominations in Japan



Since Tuesday 3 July B.E. 2561 (2018) and the past following days after that the unusual three times torrential rains for the whole July swept various parts of southwestern part of Japan and set off flash flooding that caused rivers to burst their banks and triggered landslides in large parts of its area. Its impact have affected nearly 100 people dead, dozens of people were missing and more than two million people across 23 prefectures have to evacuated to the safer zone. However, Japanese authority also warned that landslides could strike even after the rain subsides as the calamity shaped up to the worst potentially in decades.

Only the passing June that we learned of earthquake in Osaka and now the unprecedented deluges has submerged southwestern part. On many occasions in history the Japanese Nation has faced great difficulties and suffering, on each occasion their fortitude and practical ability to overcome and in due course prosper. It is our sincere wish that following period to full recovery will be as short as possible.

Globalization has made the nations of the world are entwined in such a way that the pain of one nation is felt by all, likewise to our Japanese fellow. Our most sincere condolences for all losses of life, we join with the Japanese people in their sorrow, prayers and efforts to deal with the enormous challenges that are to be faced and overcome.

May the lost ones attain the Bliss of Nibbana.

With the utmost concern and respect yours in the Dharma,

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