

Dear Mr. Iwai,

It is with great sorrow that we have received the sad news of the sudden earthquake and tsunami occurred on March 11 in Japan. However, we feel encouraged to know that none of your staff were injured. Please extend our profoundest sympathy to all staff members in your office. We wish you all a speedy relief from this tragic burden.

We understand some Japanese applicants or industrial property title-holders, under the present circumstances, may have difficulties to carry out administrative procedures of Macao industrial properties timely. According to article 36 of our Industrial Property Code (Decree-Law No 97/99/M of 13 December 1999), they can apply for full restitution. Full restitution is restoration of right by a written and duly founded application within 2 months of the date of cessation of the hindrance, maximum of 1 year from the date of the unobserved deadline. Please visit the link of Macao Industrial Property Code for your reference:

<http://www.economia.gov.mo/public/docs/LR/legislation/en/DL97-99-e.pdf>

We expect this flexibility on deadlines can assist applicants or industrial property title-holders affected by earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Please don't hesitate to contact us if any further information or assistance is needed.

Yours sincerely,

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