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2026 Kumamoto Earthquake Disaster Relief Project



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"Evacuation Shelter for People with Pets" Completed in Yatsushiro City

On August 11, the Paper Partition System (PPS) was installed at the Kongo Community Center in Yatsushiro City. The facility will be used as an evacuation shelter where evacuees can stay with their pets.

In collaboration with: Toru Yahashi (Toru Yahashi Architectural Design Office), Masami Kawasaki (Masami Kawasaki Architecture), Takumi Ueno

Paper Partition System (PPS) Installed at an Evacuation Shelter in Hikawa Town, Kumamoto Prefecture

On August 5, the Paper Partition System (PPS) was installed at a gymnasium serving as an evacuation shelter in Hikawa Town, Kumamoto Prefecture.

The PPS is designed to improve living conditions in evacuation shelters by providing privacy for evacuees and creating a safer, more comfortable environment during their stay.

We will continue to support shelters accommodating evacuees over the long term by providing PPS and working to improve evacuation shelter environments.

In cooperation with: Shinichi Utsumi (LifeWork), Toru Yabashi (Toru Yabashi Architects), Masakiyo Kawasaki (Masakiyo Kawasaki Architectural Design), and Takumi Ueno

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Relief for the Kumamoto Earthquake

As part of the emergency response to the 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake that struck on July 28, 2026, Paper Partition Systems (PPS) are being provided to evacuation shelters to improve the living conditions of evacuees.

Working closely with relevant organizations, safer and more comfortable private spaces are being created for those affected. Moving forward, support will continue to be provided in response to the evolving conditions and needs of affected communities.