



Following the pair of earthquakes that rocked the Kumamoto Prefecture last weekend, all KWE Japan operations personnel are confirmed safe, and all weekend deliveries have been fulfilled. The Kumamoto domestic airport is currently closed, but Kyushu's Hakata seaport is in operation. Domestic deliveries to the Kumamoto area have been impacted by the damaged highways.

Several major automotive manufacturers have halted production in the wake of the quakes—a magnitude 6.5 that occurred on Thursday evening, and a magnitude 7.3 on late Saturday night. 42 people have been confirmed dead and over 1,000 are reported injured. The affected areas are currently without water and electricity. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has authorized 25,000 workers to aid in rescue and relief efforts.

Last weekend, Ecuador was also victim to a major earthquake that has left hundreds dead and thousands displaced in heavily damaged cities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your local KWE office for assistance.

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