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### **Sumitomo Chemical to Offer Support for Victims of Philippines Typhoon**

Sumitomo Chemical extends deepest sympathy to those who were affected by the recent typhoon hitting the central Philippines.

Sumitomo Chemical has decided to donate 7 million yen through the Japanese Red Cross Society to aid typhoon victims and help reconstruct affected areas. Sumitomo Chemical will also donate 20,000 of its Olyset® Net\* mosquito nets for malaria prevention, as the risk of malaria infection and other mosquito-transmitted diseases is increasing in the disaster areas because mosquitoes breed at places with standing water.

Sumitomo Chemical earnestly hopes for a rapid recovery of those areas struck by the typhoon in the Philippines.

\*Olyset® Net is a mosquito net made from polyethylene fibers in which permethrin, an insecticide, is incorporated. Olyset® Net is highly regarded by the World Health Organization (WHO) as it is highly durable and retains insecticidal efficacy for over five years even with repeated washings because the insecticide migrates to the surface of the fibers gradually.

Sumitomo Chemical has taken part in international malaria-prevention initiatives to assist victims of major disasters in the past by donating Olyset® Net to affected areas, for example, 5,000 nets to Haiti when the country was hit by a huge earthquake in 2010, 6,000 nets to Thailand on the occasion of severe flooding in 2011 and 10,000 nets to Senegal after flooding in 2012.