

To: All PIANC Members

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**No fear on port functions and people's health in areas not directly affected
by the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011**

PIANC shares with Japan the following views on effects to ports by the earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011 and subsequent nuclear reactor accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant.

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) officially confirms normal operations of ports in Japan excluding some ports in an area directly affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

In a joint press briefing on March 18 and 20, 2011 by the World Health Organisation, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Meteorological Organisation, the International Maritime Organisation, the International Civil Aviation Organisation, it was stated that international flights and maritime operations can continue normally into and out of Japan's major airports and sea ports, excluding those damaged by the earthquake and tsunami.

Concerned local governments have made public the results of measured radiation intensity including Tokyo Bay Area. MLIT provides daily measured radiation intensity data at http://www.mlit.go.jp/kowan/kowan_fr1_000041.html. For instance, radiation levels at ports in Tokyo Bay measured on March 26 do not pose a threat to people's health. All concerned organisations or people can confirm that an area is safe for themselves by using the daily measured radiation intensity data in similar way as above.

Consequently, PIANC affirms that the functions of ports excluding those damaged by the earthquake and tsunami are normal and calling ports will have no adverse effect on human health.