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## **Announcement from Relief Headquarters for Persons with Disabilities of Tohoku-Kanto Great Earthquake**

As for this great earthquake, enormous damages have been reported by the minute. Under the emergency circumstances, persons with disabilities are facing many challenges if they can evacuate from dangers and find accessible shelters with adequate supports to meet their basic needs. To provide necessary supports for persons with disabilities urgently and continuously, we establish the "Relief Headquarters for Persons with Disabilities of Tohoku-Kanto Great Earthquake".

We open our website (now only Japanese page) : <http://shinsai-syougaisya.blogspot.com/>

In collaboration with other various organizations, we will offer any supports that we can do at our full power. We have many experiences as victims of natural disasters and supporters since the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995 which hit Kobe and surrounding area. Also, we already have a nationwide network to realize independent living of persons with severe disabilities in community. Taking these advantages, we will join our forces to provide effective supports.

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