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Press Release

**The Vietnamese Canadian Federation appeals for contributions to the
*Haiti Earthquake Victims Relief Fund***

The major earthquake that happened in Haiti on January 12, 2010 has caused tremendous damages to this country. The Red Cross estimated that there could be as many as 50,000 dead, a great number in a country of 9 million people.

Haitian President René Préval gave the following description of the scale of destruction of this great disaster, according to the CBC: "All of the hospitals are packed with people. It is a catastrophe...Parliament has collapsed. The tax office has collapsed. Schools have collapsed. Hospitals have collapsed. There are a lot of schools that have a lot of dead people in them."

In an effort to show solidarity with the Haitian people at this time of sorrows, and to help those affected by this event, the Vietnamese Canadian Federation appeals for contributions to the ***Haiti Earthquake Victims Relief Fund*** that the Federation has just set up to collect money to send to the Canadian Red Cross Society for this purpose.

Donations can be forwarded to the following address:

Vietnamese Canadian Centre / Haiti Earthquake Victims Relief Fund
249 Rochester St.
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All donations above \$5.00 will be issued a tax receipt.

In view of the urgency in helping the victims of the earthquake, please send in your donations before January 31, 2010.

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