



FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Falkland Islands Government donates to Earthquake Appeal Funds for Chile and Haiti

Members of the Legislative Assembly have approved payment by the Falkland Islands Government to the Chile Earthquake Appeal Fund of a donation of £5,000. The Fund has been opened by local Chilean residents to help victims of the earthquake which devastated central Chile on 27 February.

The Honourable Roger Edwards today reiterated the message of support sent by Members of the Legislative Assembly on 2 March 2010 to the Chilean president and people, saying that Falkland Islanders join with our Chilean neighbours in mourning the great loss of life caused by the earthquake.

He said that the people of the Falkland Islands value the close contacts which we maintain with Chile through our many business links, and praised the visiting medical team from Clinica Alemana de Santiago who carried on their work at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Stanley notwithstanding the terrible news from their own country.

He ended by noting that the Falkland Islands have a strong resident Chilean community who are a welcome and vibrant part of today's modern dynamic society, and wished them every success with their fund-raising efforts.

In February the Falkland Islands Government also donated £5,000 to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal Fund.