

# JCCC Foundation raises \$44,300 for Tsunami survivors

## Donation goes to the American Red Cross

JCCC presented a check of \$44,300 to the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago on February 28 to benefit victims of last year's South Asian tsunami disaster.

JCCC picked the Red Cross as the destination of its donation, considering that this campaign was part of JCCC's effort to contribute to communities, and that the organization is known for its effective activities, where donations could be utilized efficiently.

As a result of a two-week fundraising campaign in January, 71 corporate and 23 individual JCCC members donated to the fund. JCCC Chairman Naoki Hidaka, JCCC President

Yoshihiro Ozawa, and JCCC Foundation President Tomohiro Matsumura along with JCCC Secretary General Susumu Saito visited the aid organization's Chicago Headquarters, and handed the donation to Guillermo Becerra, Chief Financial Officer of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago.

Guillermo gave thanks to the JCCC's contribution, and noted that \$1.2 billion was pledged during January through the Red Cross around the world: The amount is sufficient to carry out specialized relief in five areas, he said.

According to Becerra, by February 22, the American

public, several corporate and charitable organizations has pledged more than \$378.8 million to the American Red Cross for the tsunami relief, and approximately \$308.8 million has been received.

The organization's long term assistance plan focuses on five areas: food and safe water, healthcare and disease prevention, immediate family supplies, mental health counseling, and disaster preparedness and prevention measures.

Currently, 11,000 Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers from over 40 countries have been helping tsunami survivors. 222 Red Cross relief flights brought emergency re-



(L-R) JCCC Foundation President Tomohiro Matsumura, JCCC President Yoshihiro Ozawa, JCCC Chairman Naoki Hidaka, CFO of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago, Guillermo Becerra, Major & Planned Gift Manager of the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago Christopher Bell, and JCCC Secretary General Susumu Saito

lief to the disaster-torn areas, and 18 Red Cross Emergency Response Teams have been deployed. Also, 70 national Red Cross and Red Crescent soci-

eties worldwide are helping. Those interested in learning details can visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).