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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Kerala-based Mata Amritanandamayi Math has donated \$1bn for Japan Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Work.

The donation was provided through the Math's international charity wing Embracing the World (ETW), founded by Mata Amritanandamayi, popularly known as "Amma" (Mother).

The donation was presented on Friday to Yoshihiro Murai, governor of Miyagi Prefecture in Japan, by Swamy Purnamitrana and Br Shantamitra Chaitanya in Tokyo yesterday, a Amrita Math release said.

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This money would be used for Miagi children's education fund, which is part of Japan Tsunami relief and rehabilitation work.

ETW's representatives pledged their ongoing commitment to the reconstruction work in the region.

Sanjay Panda, deputy chief of mission at Indian Embassy in Tokyo, was also present on the occasion.

Governor Murai responded by saying "We are deeply grateful for your support... Embracing the World is a world-renowned NGO. Thus I hope that you will use your international network to keep people all over the world informed of the disaster conditions here, so they will remember in the future."

Since 1990, Amma has been visiting Japan every year to conduct programs in cities such as Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka, and Sapporo.

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