



# PRIME MINISTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MARCOS

On behalf of the people and the Government of Australia I wish to express our deepest sympathies and sorrow for the tragic loss of life and the injuries that have been caused by the earthquake in the southern Philippines. I would like you to know that Australia stands ready to afford whatever assistance it can within its resources and I should be grateful if you could advise me through the Australian Embassy in Manila of your most urgent needs.