



### Mid Niigata Prefecture Earthquake

On October 23, 2004, a sequence of powerful earthquakes shook mid Niigata Prefecture, central Japan. The hypocenter of the main shock, measuring a magnitude of 6.8, brought about many casualties, including deaths, especially in Ojiya City and vicinities, destroyed about 10,000 homes and forced about 103,000 residents to evacuate at the highest peak (as of October 26, 2004).

Komatsu, in collaboration with affiliated companies, worked to secure the safety of those affected and cooperated in reconstruction efforts in the devastated areas. Komatsu House Ltd. rented Komatsu House-made 309 prefabricated temporary housing units, one prefabricated structure for a clinic, two structures as community facilities and three for community meetings, all free of charge. In close cooperation with the relief office, the Komatsu Group provided machinery and materials with the priority to reconstruct the local lifeline.

### Sumatra Earthquake and Tsunami in the Indian Ocean

Around 8 o'clock in the morning of December 26, 2004 (local time), the magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck near the west coast of Sumatra, western Indonesia, and triggered the devastating tsunami, affecting over 10 countries along the coastal line of the Indian Ocean. With the earthquake and tsunami combined, the number of those killed and missing surpassed 297,000 (as of January 26, 2005), marking the worst natural disaster ever recorded in the world.

The Komatsu Group, under the leadership of Komatsu Asia & Pacific Pte Ltd, our regional headquarters for Asia and Oceania, moved quickly to provide relief and reconstruction assistance in Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka which suffered the worst damages.

#### In Indonesia

PT Komatsu Indonesia Tbk in collaboration with PT United Tractors Tbk, Komatsu's distributor in Indonesia, and a subsidiary

of United Tractors, donated and rented 16 hydraulic excavators and wheel loaders at no cost. At the same time, they also dispatched about 20 machine operators and service engineers to work in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and North Sumatra.

#### In Thailand

While the news media mainly focused on the tsunami damages in the internationally popular resort island of Phuket in Thailand, Khalaok in southern Thailand suffered an extensive range of damages. Bangkok Komatsu Co., Ltd., Komatsu Asia & Pacific and Bangkok Motors Works Co., Ltd., Komatsu's distributor in Thailand, jointly donated three hydraulic excavators to the Kingdom of Thailand. Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra attended the donation ceremony held at the Office of the Prime Minister on January 13, 2005. The three excavators were handed over to the Royal Thai Army for reconstruction work in Khalaok.

#### In Sri Lanka

The tsunami brought about serious damages along the entire coastal line in the east of Sri Lanka, making a toll of over 30,000 persons dead and over 3,000 missing. It also destroyed almost 100,000 homes and buildings. The Komatsu Group donated two hydraulic excavators made by L&T-Komatsu Limited, based in Bangalore, India. These two excavators were handed over to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse by a Komatsu distributor in Sri Lanka.

#### In India

Situated on the opposite coast of Sri Lanka, fishing villages in Tamil Nadu, the southernmost state of India, suffered devastating damages from the tsunami which killed about 10,000 persons there. The Komatsu Group donated two L&K-Komatsu-made hydraulic excavators to the state government of Tamil Nadu.