

China to donate US\$1m to quake-hit Chile

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China will donate US\$1 million to quake-ravaged Chile to help with emergency humanitarian efforts following a devastating earthquake, the government said Monday.

The announcement was made in a brief statement on the website of the commerce ministry.

Chinese President Hu Jintao sent a message to Chile's Michelle Bachelet offering China's condolences and emergency assistance, Beijing said on Sunday.

The 8.8-magnitude quake has so far killed at least 700 people and caused heavy damage to buildings and infrastructure.

China, which suffered a devastating earthquake in the southwestern province of Sichuan in 2008, sent dozens of rescue and medical personnel to Haiti to help with the aftermath of the massive quake that struck there in January. (CNA/IP)