

US expert praises Panama's quake damage assessment

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Summary

Structural engineer Hideki "Kit" Miyamoto, heading a US Embassy-sent expert team, said Panama assessed earthquake damage faster than international standards, saving lives. He met President Mulino on Tuesday 20 October to coordinate reconstruction.

Details (summary of the article)

SINAPROC reports that Hideki "Kit" Miyamoto, founder of Miyamoto International and leader of an expert team sent by the US Embassy, praised Panama's response to the 9 October earthquake. He said practically all infrastructure and homes in the affected area were assessed within the first ten days, whereas many countries begin such work only two weeks after a disaster; early assessment helped people understand the state of their homes and businesses and react correctly. Miyamoto met President José Raúl Mulino on Tuesday 20 October together with US Ambassador Kevin Marino Cabrera; Panamanian ministers Juan Carlos Orillac and José Ramón Icaza, Foreign Minister Javier Martínez-Acha and Vice-Minister Carlos Hoyos also attended. They shared data on affected zones and coordinated plans for rebuilding houses, schools, churches and public buildings in Veraguas, Herrera, Coclé and Los Santos. The United States has allocated \$6 million in humanitarian assistance, of which \$1 million funds the Miyamoto International experts, who have begun touring the central provinces to assess priority damaged structures. Mulino said the country is now focused entirely on reconstruction.

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La agilidad con la que el Gobierno de Panamá, bajo el liderazgo del presidente José Raúl Mulino, evaluó en corto tiempo los daños estructurales causados por el terremoto del 9 de octubre ha salvado vidas. Así lo reconoció el ingeniero estructural Hideki «Kit» Miyamoto, líder del equipo de expertos enviado por la Embajada de Estados [...] The post Miyamoto, reconocido experto internacional, destaca que la respuesta del Gobierno panameño ante el sismo superó el estándar internacional first appeared on Sinaproc .