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JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE LATEST



Miyuki Morioka, front, and other members of the Japanese Society make origami cranes to publicise their forthcoming fundraising evening for Japanese earthquake survivors.

Message of hope in paper cranes

A THOUSAND 'wishes' are going out from Hampshire to those suffering in Japan.

A special display of origami is being created to raise money and awareness of the situation.

The University of Southampton's Japanese Society president Miyuki Morioka is spearheading a week of collections with a thousand paper cranes and a giant crane being displayed as the main event on Friday.

She said the crane represents good luck and they are traditionally sent to someone to help their wishes come true.

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She said: "This is particularly close to our hearts because we have friends and family who are affected by the disaster.

"It is terrible to see the footage and this is just a small thing to help let people know

we are thinking about them."

She went on say the group were getting a good response from students and were expecting support from other societies.

Meanwhile students at the University of Winchester have also been doing their bit to raise money for the Japan Relief Appeal.

Stalls selling Japanese gifts, including chopsticks and origami decorations were sold during a special 'Cultural Day,' before an exhibition of Japanese dance in the university's Terrace Bar.