

Issuance Criteria and a Sample of Strong Earthquake Report

	Present earthquake press release	New Strong Earthquake Report
Issuance Criteria	<p>◆ Detected by seismographs of the Observatory; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magnitude reaching 6.5; or - Magnitude reaching 5.0 if the epicentre is located within 4,000 km of Hong Kong 	<p>Magnitude reaching 6.0 (regardless of detection by seismographs of the Observatory)</p> <p>For lower magnitude events, the Observatory may issue earthquake reports if they cause significant impact.</p>
Sample	<p>An intense earthquake was recorded by the Hong Kong Observatory at 9:08 a.m. today (Monday, 14 March 2011). The epicentre was initially determined to be near east coast of Honshu, Japan (36.2N, 141.1E), about 140 kilometres northeast of Tokyo. The magnitude was estimated to be 6.0 on the Richter Scale.</p>	<p>Initial analysis from the Hong Kong Observatory indicated that an earthquake of magnitude 6.0 has occurred at 9:03 a.m. on 14 March 2011 (Monday) (Hong Kong Time) near east coast of Honshu, Japan. The epicentre is located near 36.2N, 141.1E, about 140 kilometres northeast of Tokyo.</p>