

JCI OPERATION HOPE: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY

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There are NPOs that bring direct assistance to people afflicted by mega disasters around the world. JCI (Junior Chamber International), headquartered in St. Louis, is such a non-profit organization. Come to learn how organizations like JCI operate – sending volunteer workers to the disaster zones at a moment's notice, determining the logistics of operations, recruiting and training volunteers and more. Edson A. Kodama, JCI Secretary General has helped coordinate disaster recovery through JCI Operation Hope in different parts of the world, including the devastating earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan. He will present the current update on JCI's efforts with slides and photos illustrating the work JCI members are performing on the ground in communities throughout the country.



(JCI is a worldwide membership-based nonprofit organization of young active citizens ages 18 to 40 dedicated to creating positive change.)



Edson Akitoshi Kodama joined JCI in 1988 and was named JCI Secretary General in 2004. He is responsible for the overall management of the organization and the World Headquarters team based in St. Louis. He sets objectives for growth and development, coordinates all four JCI Area Conferences and the JCI World Congress. He also oversees JCI's relations with UN agencies and other partners such as UNICEF, UNESCO, the UN Foundation, and the International Chamber of Commerce. He holds an architecture degree from Brazil.



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