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Volcanic Eruptions and Large Earthquake Predicted in Advance

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The International Earthquake and Volcano Prediction Center (IEVPC), announces today that it has once again been able to detect and predict major geophysical events. This time the IEVPC has successfully detected the early signals for a series of volcanic eruptions in Kamchatka, Russia, and the recent M6.9 earthquake on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, both events taking place within the last three weeks.

This follows the early termination of the IEVPC's highly successful test program in December 2012 where it accurately predicted three separate earthquake events. At that time, given the unique ability of the IEVPC to identify major earthquakes with months and weeks of advance notice, the IEVPC decided to end its test program and immediately notify nations and states at risk that this new capability was available.

According to IEVPC Director of Research, Dr. Dong Choi, operating from Canberra, Australia, "This announcement today once again confirms that the proprietary process developed by the IEVPC is highly reliable. We are very proud of the skills and dedication to the IEVPC as demonstrated by Associate Scientists Dr. Masashi Hayakawa (Japan) and Valentino Straser (Italy) who both detected and then confirmed the volcano and earthquake events. These latest two events add to the previous successes we have had. There should be no question at this time that major earthquakes can in fact be predicted once our process is applied and on site monitoring teams are deployed into a high risk earthquake zone."

Adding to Dr. Choi's opinion is that of Dr. Hayakawa who said, "Certainly the early signals detected for the volcanic eruptions in Kamchatka in January and the large M6.9 Hokkaido earthquake on February 2, 2013, show that we can provide early warning allowing people to make necessary preparations for such potential catastrophes. What remains now is that leaders in various nations change from the past beliefs where earthquakes were thought to be mysterious and beyond detection. The work done by myself and others associated with the IEVPC shows we now have the tools available to fundamentally change the way humans react and prepare for these highly destructive events."

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