## Collecting humanitarian aid for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

A powerful earthquake struck central Turkey and northwestern Syria. The natural disaster, one of the largest in a century, killed thousands of people. Tens of thousands were affected and made homeless. Words of condolence are coming to the people of the two countries from all over the world. On behalf of Polytechnic University words of grief and support were sent to the Embassies of Syrian Arab Republic and Republic of Turkey in Moscow as well as General Consulate of Republic of Turkey in Saint Petersburg by Rector Andrei Rudskoi: With regret and dismay, we have learned about the terrible earthquakes that have occurred in different parts of Turkey and Syria. We deeply grieve for the dead and affected residents and express our condolences to their families and friends. On behalf of the staff of Peter the Great Polytechnic St. Petersburg University we convey our words of support to the peoples of both countries and wish a speedy recovery and restoration to all those who suffered as a result of the disaster.

A humanitarian aid collection point for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey will work at Polytechnic University from 18:00 to 21:00 on February 8 and 9. The point will be located at the site of the international student club PolyUnion at 30, Grazhdansky Avenue. Those wishing to provide support can donate the following items: tents, heaters, blankets, sleeping bags, winter clothing, thermoses and portable chargers. All of this will be sent to the earthquake areas.

For more information on the collection of humanitarian aid, please contact Natalia Donmez, International Student Coordinator at the Institute of Energy, at <u>natalia\_donmez@spbstu.ru</u>.

In the near future, a humanitarian aid collection for the victims of the earthquake in Syria will be announced. Detailed information will be posted <u>on the official</u> <u>PolyUnion community</u>.

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