Mazda to Resume Temporary Production from March 22 Following Suspension in Wake of Major Earthquake in Northeast Japan

HIROSHIMA, **Japan**— Mazda Motor Corporation wishes to convey its heartfelt sympathy and concern for all people affected by the major earthquake in northeast Japan.

Mazda Motor Corporation previously announced the suspension of production at its Hiroshima and Hofu plants from the night shift on March 14, until March 21, in the wake of the disaster. Mazda has now decided to resume temporary production at both plants from March 22, producing replacement parts, parts for overseas production and vehicles utilizing "in-process" inventories.

This temporary resumption of operations will not affect recovery and relief activities in the areas affected by the earthquake. A decision on the resumption of full-scale production of both parts and vehicles will be made at a later date.