



## Eurocopter delivers an AS365 N3 to Japans Fire and Disaster Management Agency for operations in Miyagi Prefecture

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