

Disaster Management: Protecting Citizens from Disasters

Director General for Disaster Management

Japan and Natural Disasters

➤ A wide range of natural disasters occurs across Japan due to severe natural conditions.



➤ It is critical to protect citizens' lives, safety, and property from natural disasters.



➤ By implementing prevention and initial response drills, as well as recovery and reconstruction measures against disasters in close cooperation with related governmental agencies, resilience to disasters is promoted.



Damage caused by a tornado in Koshigaya City in September 2013

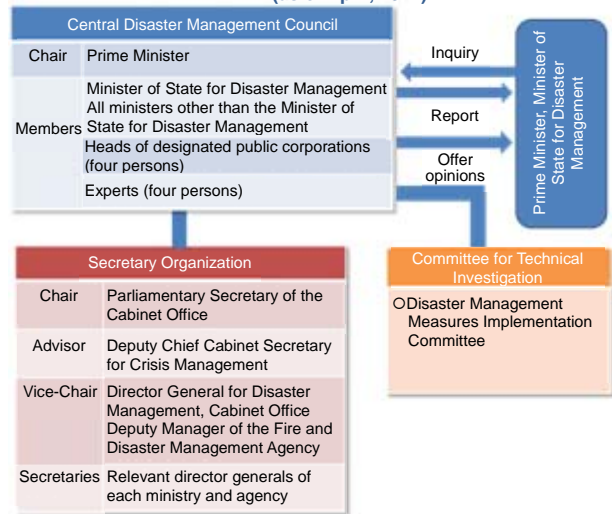
Damage caused by a landslide on Izu-Oshima Island in October 2013

Central Disaster Management Council

Organization of the Central Disaster Management Council (as of April, 2014)

Roles to be played by the Council:

- To formulate and promote the implementation of the Basic Disaster Management Plan and Earthquake Plans
- To deliberate important issues on disaster management according to requests from the Prime Minister or Minister of State for Disaster Management (basic disaster management policies, overall coordination of disaster countermeasures and declaration of state of disaster emergency)
- To offer opinions regarding disaster management to the Prime Minister and Minister of State for Disaster Management



The 33rd meeting of the Central Disaster Management Council

Comprehensive Promotion of Disaster Countermeasures

Fostering International Cooperation in Disaster Reduction

- Based on "the Hyogo Framework for Action," fostering international cooperation on disaster reduction with a view to contributing to the world by offering Japan's knowledge and expertise in the field of disaster management
- Leading international discussions toward the third UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction slated to be held in Sendai City in March 2015



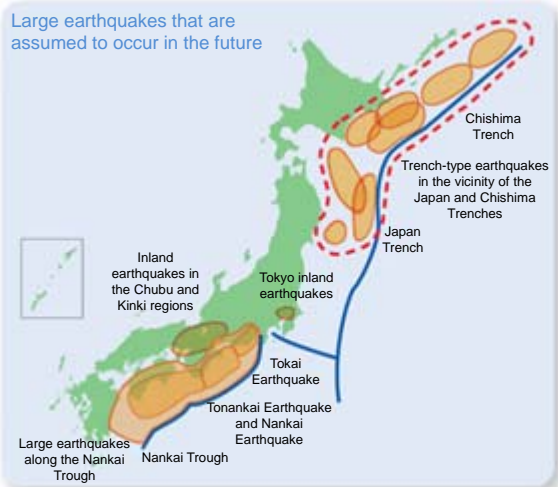
UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction



Trilateral Heads of Government Agency Meeting on Disaster Management held with China and the Republic of Korea

Formulation of Master Plans against Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Volcanic Eruptions, Large Floods and Others

- Fostering measures against large earthquakes, including the creation of master plans against Nankai Trough and Tokyo inland earthquakes
- Making evacuation plans for tsunamis, including the creation of tsunami hazard maps
- Implementing a greater number of measures against volcanic eruptions, including the establishment of disaster management councils against volcanic eruptions, the creation of volcanic eruption hazard maps, and the preparation of evacuation plans
- Fostering measures against large floods, including examining evacuation guidance and emergency rescue activities to be conducted in the event of a large flood



Meeting of the director generals held on measures against tornados and windblasts

Human Resource Development and Disaster Management Drills

- Providing training for central and local government officials to train them as disaster management specialists
- Establishing a disaster management system by conducting comprehensive disaster reduction drills and the government's role-playing simulation exercise on Disaster Reduction Day (September 1st)



Training to develop disaster management specialists



Wide-area medical transportation drill

Education and Enlightenment Activities

- Fostering the nationwide movement to urge individual citizens to conduct specific activities for disaster risk reduction in their daily lives
- Improving the environment for disaster management volunteers
- Encouraging companies to formulate business continuity plans (BCPs) to ensure that they can continue their business even in the event of a disaster



Disaster Reduction Fair



Prize winner in a disaster management poster competition

The slogan: "We have to expect the unexpected."

Responses to Disasters

- Holding a conference with related governmental agencies on disaster countermeasures, in which participants share information, coordinate and foster various measures
- Dispatching a government investigation team headed by the Minister of State for Disaster Management to assess the situation in devastated areas
- Establishing a Headquarters for Extreme Disaster Management headed by the Prime Minister and composed of all ministers



Conference of related governmental agencies held on disaster countermeasures



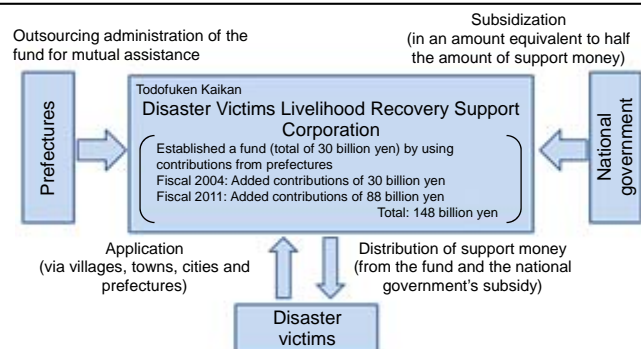
Dispatch of a government investigation team

Support to Victims

- Providing prefectures with advice on relief activities to be conducted based on the Disaster Relief Act and providing subsidies to cover a portion of their expenses
- Providing subsidies to cover a portion of the prefectures' support money for disaster victims based on the Act on Support for Livelihood Recovery of Disaster Victims
- Promoting municipal measures, including the creation of a ledger of victims to support victims in an efficient manner



Example of temporary housing for victims



Disaster Victims Livelihood Recovery Support System

For details → <http://www.cao.go.jp/en/disaster.html>