Building Disaster Resilience to overcome Upcoming Catastrophic Disasters

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https://www.bousai.go.jp/kyoiku/hokenkyousai/jishin.html



Nankai Trough Earthquakes occur Almost Every Century Since 7th Century

Next one will be Around 2035







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Unprecedented Scale of Damage/Losses

Earthquake	Nankai Trough		Tokyo Metropolitan		2011	1995
Disasters	2012 (L2)	2003 (L1)	2013	2005	East Japan	Kobe
Magnitude	M9.0	M 8.7	M7.3	M 7.3	M 9.0	M 7.3
Mortality/Missing	80,000 - 320,000	24,000	5,000 – 22,500	11,000	19,294	6,434
Injured	257,000 – 623,000	300,000	90,000 - 120,000	240,000	6,100	44,000
Buildings Collapsed	627,000 - 1,346,000	450,000		200,000	126,500	105,000
Buildings Burned down	50,000 - 750,000	90,000	38,000 - 412,000	650,000		7,400
Relocated		6,000,000	7,200,000	7,500,000	480,000	320,000
Direct Losses (trillion ¥)	220	81	95	112	17	10

Trillion US dollar Disaster (given \$1=¥100)

Unpreceded Scale of Damage/Losses due to Natural Disasters in Modern History

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Number of disasters due to natural hazards are increasing since 1980s Over 80% were Climate and Weather related



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Estimated cost of disaster losses are increasing 2010-2019:\$1,920B (2019:\$150B)



A great challenge for Sustainable Development

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First Population Decline in Japanese History



Source: Prepared by the National and Regional Planning Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, based on "Population Census" by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), "Population Estimates" by MIC, "Intercensal Adjustment of Current Population Estimates (2000-2005)" by MIC, "Population Projections for Japan: 2006-2055: Outline of Results, Methods, and Assumptions" by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, and "Long-term Time-series Analysis of Population Distribution Change in the Japanese Archipelago (1974)" by the National Land Agency.

Population Decline = Deaths > Births



https://www.soumu.go.jp/johotsusintokei/whitepaper/ja/h29/html/nc135230.html

Need to Improve Disaster Resilience: To Survive Upcoming Catastrophic Disasters -Minimize both damage and recovery time-



What is "Disaster Resilience"

The ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate, adapt to, transform and recover from the effects of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner, including through the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions through risk management.

(2017, UNDRR)

Two Definitions of "Disaster Resilience" by UN

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2011 East Japan Earthquake Disaster2015 Sendai Framework

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Three Entities being resilient

The ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards

• A System:

- Let us confine ourselves to "Human"
- Individuals who help themselves
- Self-help
- Community
 - A group of people who maintain personal relationships help with each other
 - Mutual help
- Society
 - Modern nations
 - Impersonal rules and regulations for social supports
 - Public help



Three Manifestations of Resilience Response

to resist, absorb, accommodate, adapt to, transform and recover from the effects of a hazard



What we should do with the remaining time

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

Sendai Framework

for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030



- It aims to achieve the substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries over the next 15 years.
- It outlines seven clear targets and **four priorities for action** to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks:

https://www.undrr.org/publication/sendai-framework-disaster-risk-reduction-2015-2030

Four Priorities for Action



- 1. Understanding disaster risk
- 2. Strengthening disaster risk governance
- 3. Investing in risk reduction
- 4. Enhancing disaster preparedness for collective response, and to "build back better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction

1. Deepening and elaborating **understanding of disaster risk**

- It shall be established science and technology for improving disaster resilience and sustainability of societies with the ultimate three goals: 1) Maintaining and improving the **physical, mental and social well-being of individuals**, 2) Strengthening the **capacity for mutual support in communities**, and 3) the **coherent realization of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and sustainable development in society**.
- It shall be developed a disaster management system with an all-hazards approach, conversing multi-disciplinary knowledge covering all phases of disaster management, including forecasting/prevention, emergency response, and recovery/restoration
- It shall be realized the **consilience of knowledge for disaster resilience** using information infrastructure to disseminate to society as proposed by the recommendation titled "Developing an Online Synthesis System (OSS) and fostering Facilitators to realize consilience," from Science Council of Japan in 2020.

Improving Individual Well-being in various aspects of life

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Mutual support among people is the key for community resilience



Japanese Welfare Discussion identifies Two Types of Mutual Help: System based/ private

	Mutual Help	Public Help/Self Help		
Based on Laws	Mutual Help Through System (Insurance, Mutual Aid)	Public Help		
Based on Private Network	Mutual Help Through Private Network	Spontaneous Actions Purchase of Market Products/Services		

Social Resilience: Coherent solution for systemic risk initiated by industrial revolution



Coherence among DDR, CCA, & SDGs requires "Consilience" of Relevant Knowledge in terms of "Planetary Health"

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-systemic in nature, global in scale-



Basic Reference

Recommendation by SCJ 2020 Building a sustainable global society by strengthening disaster resilience: - Developing an "Online Synthesis System (OSS)" and fostering "Facilitators" to realize consilience +

RECOMMENDATION

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September 18, 2020

Science Council of Japan Committee on International Cooperation for Promoting Science-Based Disaster Risk Reduction

提言

災害レジリエンスの強化による持続可能な 国際社会実現のための学術からの提言 一知の統合を実践するためのオンライン・ システムの構築とファシリテータの育成-



令和2年(2020年)9月18日 日本学術会議 科学技術を活かした防災・減災政策の国際的展開に関する検討委員会 Available from: https://reliefweb.int/report/world/buildingsustainable-global-society-strengtheningdisaster-resilience-developing-online

Tools for Consilience for Disaster Resilience: Facilitators and OSS-SR

Continuously Growing Lessons Learnt from Problem Solving on Site Facilitator Supporting Facilitators Online Search Synthesis System Understanding Results (OSS-SR) Providing Stakeholders' New Perspective Problem Integration of Information for Stakeholders relevant to DRR,CCA,SDGs Stakeholders Results Google on Site Web Search No new perspective through Google "Search the world that the user already has"

OSS-SR: Online Synthesis System for Sustainability and Resilience

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2. Establishing new **governance** to cope with disasters

- It shall be established the governance contributing to the transition to an autonomous, decentralized, and cooperative society as suggested by the irreversible changes caused by the COVID19 pandemic.
- It shall be ensured **transnational resilience** where multiple countries cooperate with each other in addition to improving the national resilience of land, nations, and people in each country.
- It shall be stimulated **risk communication on catastrophic disasters** nationally and globally, started with discussions at Science Council of Japan.

COVID19 Suggests a Transition to ADC Society

Basic needs stay physical, Secondary needs go Cyber



3. Ensuring **investment** in financial expenditure, capacity development, and technological development in response to disasters

- It shall be established the role of investment in reducing human activities and asset accumulation at risk exposed to disasters such as medium to long-term spatial reorganization plans and maintenance of critical social infrastructure.
- It shall be promoted the concentrated investment in (1) improvement of qualitative and quantitative enhancement of market services to improve self-help capacity and (2) enhancement and diversification of insurance and mutual aid programs to provide mutual assistance aid based on the system.
- It shall be enhanced individual resilience capabilities to deploy strategic capacity development programs to respond disasters more efficiently and effectively utilizing **digital transformation (DX)**.

Geographically 707/1724 Jurisdictions may be impacted by upcoming Nankai Earthquake



https://www.bousai.go.jp/jishin/nankai/pdf/nankaitrough_chizu.pdf

Japanese Welfare Discussion suggests Two promising resilience elements with population decline

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Based on Laws	Mutual Help Through System (Insurance, Mutual Aid)	Public Help		
Based on Private	Mutual Help Through	Spontaneous Actions		
Network	Private Network	Purchase of Market Products/Services		

 \rightarrow Importance of Collaboration with Private Sector

4. Establishing proactive measures to enable **Build Back Better**

- It shall be strengthened the **transformative capacity** to build a new society after a disaster with the awareness that "in an emergency, we can only do what we normally do," as well as a system that promotes proactive measures using DX.
- It shall be presented a vision of society after a catastrophic disaster (sustainability, green energy/zero carbon, national spatial planning, transition to an autonomous decentralized and cooperative community in terms of finance, economy, industry, international cooperation, etc.
- It shall be prepared the plans for recovery with presented vision in advance since the **window of opportunity for framing plans is short in time**.

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