



The Workshop on Emergency Broadcasting, ITU-R SG6

Emergency Broadcasting to Protect the General Public in Japan

- The Great East Japan Earthquake -

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- Japan's Sole Public Broadcaster
- Operating 2 Terrestrial TV Networks, 2 Satellite TV Channels,
 - 3 Radio Networks, plus International TV and Radio Services









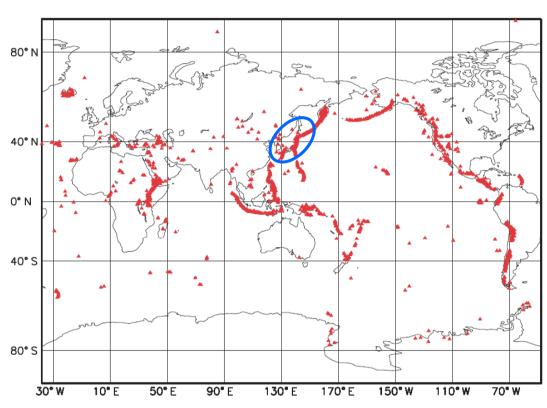




- Reaching All Households (about 52 Million) in Japan
- 54 Stations across Japan, 30 Bureaus Worldwide
- Designated Public Corporation under the Basic Disaster
 Countermeasures Act

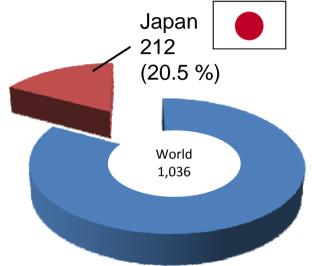
NHK

A Country Prone to Natural Disasters



Principal Volcanoes in the World

Source: Prepared by the Japan Meteorological Agency based on data from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History



Number of earthquakes with magnitude of 6.0 or greater (2000-2009)

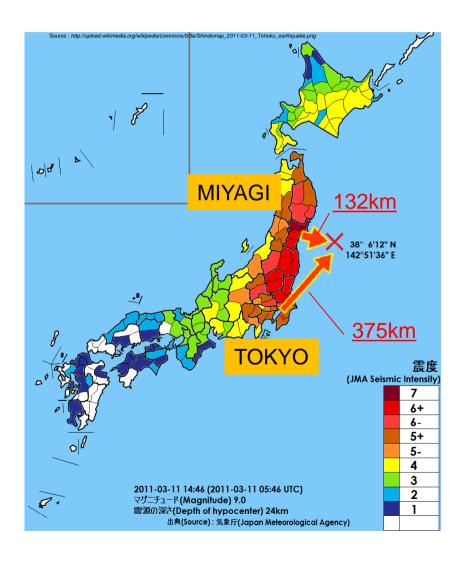
Source: Cabinet Office on the basis of data from the Japan Meteorological Agency and USGS



An average 11 typhoons a year



The Great East Japan Earthquake



2:46:18 (JST) PM, 11 March, 2011

- Magnitude 9.0
- Maximum seismic intensity 7
- The 4th largest in the world since 1900

Huge Tsunami

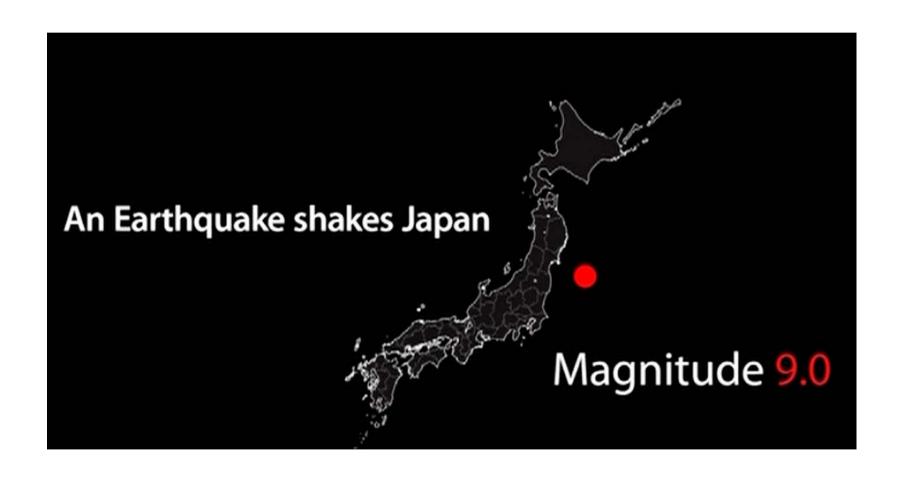
- Over 10m high
- Maximum run-up height of 40.5m

Nuclear Crisis

- Leakage of radioactive materials
- Mass evacuation, disease, food supply



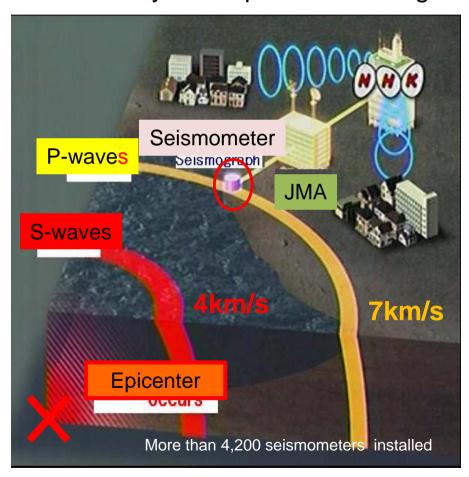
What NHK Reported in the Initial 90 Minutes

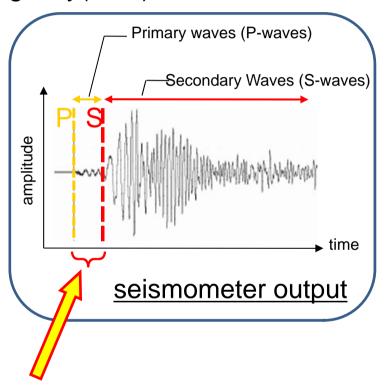




Earthquake Early Warning

Launched by the Japan Meteorological Agency(JMA) on October 1st, 2007

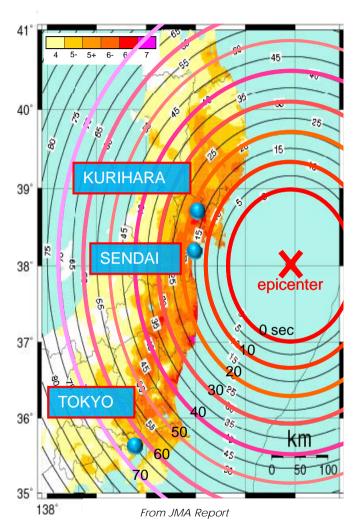




This time lag provides valuable seconds for self-protection and evacuation.



Earthquake Early Warning Message



Time lag between EEW and the shaking.

SENDAI CITY 16 sec

KURIHARA CITY 18 sec

TOKYO 65 sec

Earthquake Early Warning

by Data Broadcasting function



The shaking still had not reached Tokyo When the warning appeared.

Superimposed Map message



Disaster Broadcasting Equipment







Satellite OB Van

Helicopter

Power Generator at Transmission Site



Portable SNG Equipment



Vehicle for Emergency Transmission

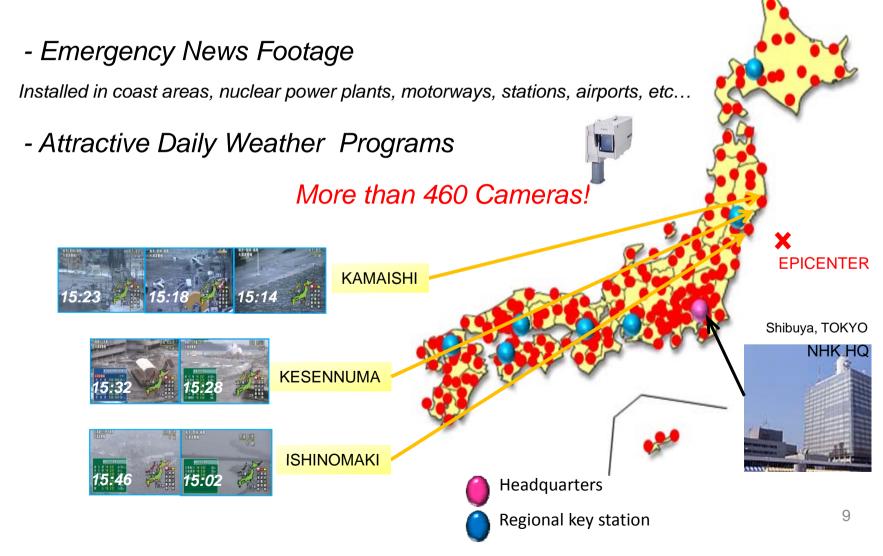


Remote Controlled Camera



Remote-controlled Camera System

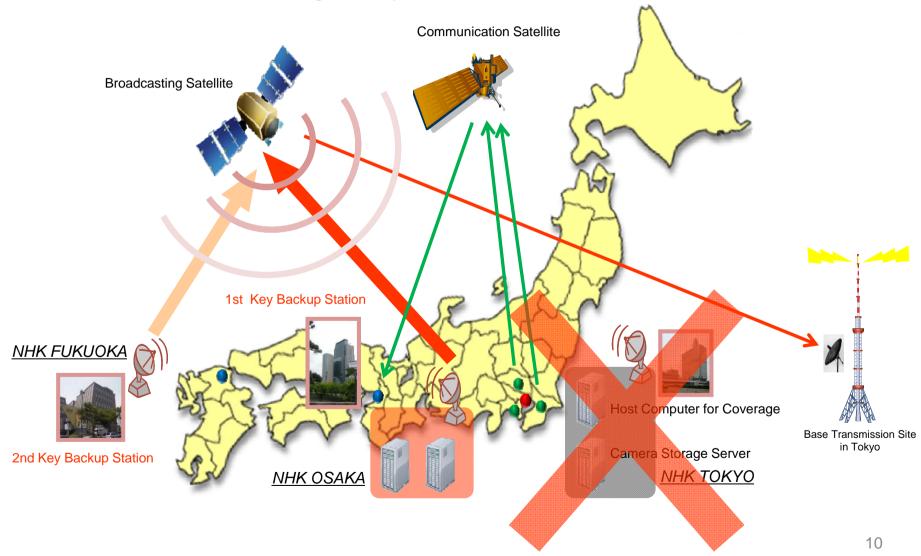
NHK has installed over 460 remote-controlled cameras all over Japan





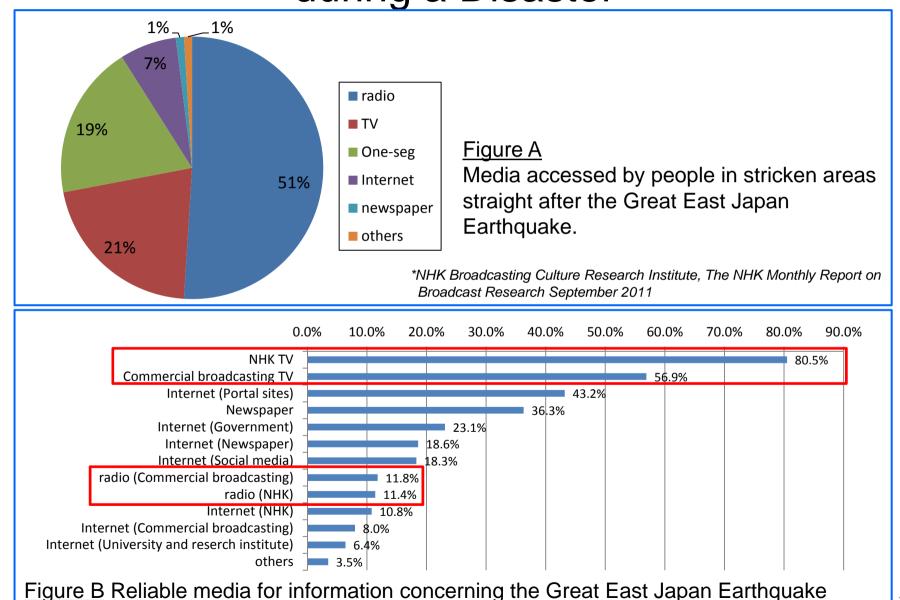
Backup Scheme

To Continue Broadcasting in any Situation





The Importance of Broadcasting during a Disaster



*Nomura Research Institute, News Release, 3 May 2011



Conclusion

- Broadcasting is the most effective medium for disseminating information to the general public in a disaster situation.
- Radio receivers and mobile TV's, such as "One-Seg", which can operate with a small battery, are useful tools for accessing information in power cuts.
- We believe that <u>the importance of broadcasting will grow</u> in view of its reliability, accuracy and celerity.