

Japan's International Contribution in the Field of ICT for Disaster Risk Reduction

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Damage by disasters all over the world since 2000 📒



Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake



69%

60%

80%

Most important counter measures to protect a community from tsunami Telephon call by 7% Evacuate to upland fixed-line phone 51% as soon as possible Telephon call by Deliver tsunami and mobile phone evacuation 20% information surely even in case of... E-mail by mobile 25% phone Enhance disaster prevention facilities 6% such as seawalls **Direct confirmation** 17% Built refuge facilities such as evacuation 4% Other 1% towers for residents 0% 20% 40%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%

Method to confirm safety of family members living together



Emergency recovery measures



- Major reason of mobile base station stop power loss and disconnection of transmission lines.



Movale power station



Portable power generator



Spare battery



Multiple routes of transmission



Satellite entrance



Micro entrance



Emergency recovery measures: outcome



- -After the Great East Japan earthquake, MIC enhanced policies for disaster management against power loss and transmission lines disconnection because these two incidents are major reasons of disruption of communication.
- -At Kumamoto earthquake, many base stations were restored by these measures.



These might be useful as indicators for disaster risk management



Japan's ICT solutions for Disaster Management

Information distribution is an important factor for disaster management.
 Effective and efficient disaster management is made possible by ICT.
 ICT for disaster management can be classified into 4 stages.



ICT Solution Map for Disaster Management



		Monitor / Transfer	Analyze		Accumulate	Distribute	
Terminal on-site equipment		 Sensor (earthquake, water level, rainfall amount, wind speed, landslide, etc.) Meteorological radar Camera (fixed, mobile, helicopter) Satellite observation (image, position information) 				 Broadcast reception terminal (IP announcement terminal, PC, etc.) One segment terminal Speaker Mini satellite earth station 	
Application		Meteorological observation information collection system Damage information collection system Safety/evacuation information collection system Image monitoring/analysis system	 Meteorological analysis system Geographical information system Shelters/evacuees management system Supplies management system Administrative operation system 		∙Damage forecasting system	 Emergency information transmission system Evacuation information / announcement management system 	
Platform					· J-ALERT		
		•Sensor information collection/control infrastructure	Comprehensive disaster prevention information system Risk management information management system Space data platform system Infrastructure management system Police/fire prevention command and control system		·Cloud platform/big data analysis	·Emergency alarm broadcast ·Cell broadcast	
Communication infrastructure	Disaster prevention Genera	 Disaster prevention administrative radio network (mobile) Satellite communications 				 Disaster prevention administrative radio (broadcast reception, mobile) Satellite communications ICT Disaster Management Unit 	
		Satellite communications Radio communications networks (FWA, WiFi, microwave, TV White Space, etc.) Submarine cable					

Management



* Projects which the orders were received or supports were determined in and after FY2010. Pilot projects are not included.

Vietnam

Information-Sharing System (2015)



Source: industry survey by MIC



Container type

Vehicle type

Attaché case type







Foreign case examples

- ITU, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan (MIC) and the Department of Science and Technology of Philippines signed a cooperation agreement for the joint project. Following this, the feasibility study using MDRU in Philippines was deployed from December 2014 to March 2016. As a result, a municipality in Philippines (San Remigio) decided to introduce this unit.
- MIC continuously disseminate information on achievements of this study, and have been working on the introduction of ICT disaster management units all over the world including Philippines.





In response to the huge earthquakes that hit Kumamoto Prefecture, we transported MDRUs to Takamori Town in the Prefecture and provided an Internet-access service and a voice call service at the town office and a shelter. A branch of MIC Japan there is still ready to offer some MDRUs by requests from local governments and other organizations.





MDRU with NICT's vehicle-mounted satellite base station



MDRU with Docomo's satellite-based mobile phones

Internet-access service



Voice call service



Residents using the Internet to collect information in a shared space



Staff member using his smartphone to make a call via satellite at his desk



Problem: A large quantity of information, such as "No food" and "No water", was posted to Twitter and valuable information was not recognized.Aim: Give only useful information only by providing compact answers.





Distribution : Disaster Information Delivery to Residents



*L-Alert : 832 groups including 47 prefectures are participating. (33 out of 47 prefectures distributes information in practice) Direct information distribution without L-Alert from information provider also existed.

Background of Development of L-Alert in

Japan





Progress of L-Alert in 2016

- 40 of 47 prefectures have implemented this system and another 7 prefectures have a plan within 2 years.
- 82% of towns have implemented.
- 603 distributers (terrestrial TV, CATV, radio, newspaper, signages)
- 59 gas companies (72.6% users coverage) joined to provide information of gas supplying
- Electric companies joined to verification experiments.
- Metrological agency started to provide eruption information in this year
- Trainings and drills are carried out periodically.
- Japanese government promotes to distribution this system strategically and check their progress periodically.

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EWBS : Emergency Warning Broadcasting System



Summary

- After the Great East earthquake MIC enhanced policies for quick restoration of ICT infrastructure when a disaster happens.
- These measurements ensured these effects at the Kumamoto earthquake in last April.
- These measurements might be useful as indicators for disaster risk management.
- Japan is contributing to international communities through the ICT disaster risk management solution.

Thank You for your attention!

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