

Improving Disaster Prevention Awareness for All People in Japan

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【QUESTION and SITUATION】

Do foreign people living in Japan, foreign students and tourists **have an awareness of disaster prevention?**

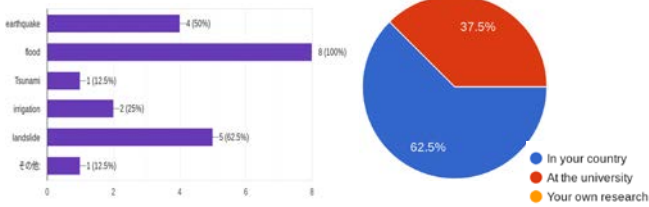


Japan is a disaster-prone country. **172** foreign people died in the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and **41** in the Great East Japan Earthquake. Even when translation tools are available during disasters, foreign people are often unfamiliar with disasters. As a result, they may not have sufficient knowledge regarding evacuation, or be able to take appropriate action simply by translating Japanese into their primary language.

【SURVEY】

We interviewed Okayama University international students.

Disasters Occuring in Respondent's Country of Origin, by Type Where Knowledge about Disaster(s) Was Obtained.



【PROPOSAL】

Make a disaster prevention manual and distribute it at the airport to all foreign people entering Japan.



Airports are places that all foreign people pass through. By making it compulsory to distribute manuals and check them, all foreign visitors to Japan may be able to gain knowledge about disasters that occur here.



【METHOD】

Disaster Prevention Manual

for All People in Japan



- Contents of Disaster Bags
- Emergency Actions
 - Earthquakes
 - Floods
- Confirm in Advance

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Manual -for All People-

- Easy to understand for all ages
- Contains many illustrations



What is "The Multilingual Communication Card"?
It is a card with written phrases in various languages of people who have difficulty communicating in Japan. By using this card, they can indicate to others that they don't understand Japanese, or if other languages they do understand. This card promotes people who are unable to receive information in their own language. If they use this handbook, foreign people will be able to identify them and help to solve their needs.

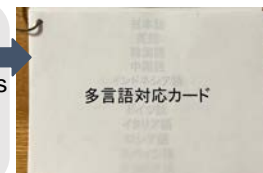


"BOND"
-Bandana Of Notable Disaster relief-



Multilingual Card

- written in 11 languages
- 10 phrases they might need at an evacuation center



【CONCLUSION】

- **BOND** can make it easier for people whose native language is not Japanese to evacuate during disasters.
- As more visitors come to Japan, the range of people who can be helped by BOND will expand.

【FUTURE ACTIONS】

- Reconsider whether it is possible to distribute manuals or manufacture bandanas and implement them.
- Attach flashing lights and a reflector to bandana.

