What lessons we should learn from the Great East Japan Disaster?

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What is Science Council of Japan?

- Established in <u>January 1949</u> as a "Special Body" under the jurisdiction of the Prime Minister
- Represents Japan's scientists both domestically and internationally
- Its two functions are:
- To deliberate on important issues concerning science and to help solve such issues
- To coordinate scientific studies and to achieve higher efficiency therein
- Focusing on the following four activities:
- (1) Policy recommendations to the government
- (2) International activities
- (3) Enhancement of public opinion on the roles of science
- (4) Establishment of networks among scientists

Recent Activities in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake and the accident of the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

Establishing the "Great East Japan Earthquake Task Force " within SCJ to deliberate the wide range of issues and declared the emergency recommendations to the government, and to release statements and President's <u>comments to the public</u> in order to provide the information necessary to overcome the damages caused by the disaster or the accident.

(http://www.scj.go.jp/en/report/shinsai.html)

Recent Activities in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake and the accident of the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

The related information on the earthquake and the nuclear accidents and our emergency response has been delivered to more than 120 academies overseas this May, 2011.

Dispatching experts, selected among our Council Members or Members, to the workshops or symposia held overseas

Tsunami hit Japan - Miyako City, Iwate Prefecture -

Tsunami easily surmounted the Great Seawall. Photo originally provided by Taro-cho Fishery Cooperative; Courtesy of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Tsunami hit Japan (Left: Minamisanriku-cho, Fukushima; Right, Kesen-numa City, Miyagi) 視聴者提供 M8.8 死者200人超 (Courtesy of anonymous people who was suffered) 福島テレビ At the very moment of the Tanami Attack jijicam 宫城県原仙沼県 (at 3:39 pm on March 11, SIMP/#ABUTAT 2011) (around 3 pm on March 11, 2011)



Tsunami hit Japan (Minamisanriku-cho, Miyagi Prefecture)

Tsunami reached at the top of the roof of the Minamisanriku Disaster Center Headquarters.

Photo originally provided by Town Office of Minamisanriku-cho; Courtesy of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan



Tsunami hit Japan (Sendai Airport, Miyagi Prefecture)

Tsunami was reaching to the Sendai Airport; From "Record of Rescue Activities for the Great East Japan Earthquake" 2012, Japan Coast Guard

Heavily Damaged City Miyagi Prefecture (March 17, 2011)



Heavily Damaged City Kesen-numa City, Miyagi Prefecture (March 23, 2011)

Courtesy of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Activities of Emergency Fire Response Teams Kesen-numa City, Miyagi Prefecture (taken by Tokyo Fire Department)

Courtesy of Fire and Disaster Management Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (from White Paper on Disaster Management 2011, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan)

Heavily Damaged City Higashi-Matsushima City, Miyagi Prefecture (March 27, 2011)

Courtesy of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant (April 26, 2011)



Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant - No.1 Unit (taken on 27 March, 2011)



Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant - No. 4 Unit (Taken on 22 May, 2011)



<u>1. Reconstruction from the Great East</u> <u>Japan Disaster</u>

- Compound Disaster –Earthquagke, Tunami and Nuclear Power Generation Accident
- Wide Areas Stricken
 - Stricken Areas: Death casualty in 11 prefectures and heavily in 3 prefectures and about 40 local municipalities
 - Damage: More than 19 thousand people killed, more than 117 buildings completely broken.
 - Repeated Tsunami –Jogan Tunami(869), Keicho Tunami(1611), Meiji Sanriku Tsunami(1896), Shouwa Sanriku Tsunami(1933), Chile(1960), East Japan(2011)
- Disaster in Depopulated Areas The population in Affected Areas, which is Pacific Coastal areas of North-East Japan, has been losing its population by 5% every 5 years

Budgets:

1st supplementary budget in May, 2011 was about 4 trillion yen.
2nd supplementary budget in July, 2011 was about 2 trillion yen.
3rd supplementary budget in November, 2011 was about 12 trillion yen.

Organization:

Reconstruction Headquarters was formed in June, headed by PM.

Reconstruction Agency was established in February, 2012, with three branch offices in Iwate,

Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures.

Reconstruction programs:

Basic Act was enacted in June(復興基本法)

Reconstruction Special Area Act in December(復興特区法)

Tsunami Disaster Prevention Area Construction Act in December(津 波防災地域づくり法)

Recontruction Plans by Stricken Prefectural Governments

 Tsunami Disaster Reconstruction Plan of Iwate Prefecture, August 11th

 Disaster Reconstruction Plan of Miyagi Prefecture, August 26th

Fukushima Reconstruction Plan, December 28th

Reconstruction Plans of Stricken Areas

All the local municipalities in coastal area of East Japan, more than 40 local municipalities, made their recovery plans till the end 2011 fiscal year.



Present and Future Situation of Stricken Areas

- Rubble was put away in stricken areas, but reconstruction has not yet started in full scale.
- Planning and local agreement building is tried for reconstructing communities in safer high ground not to repeat similar damage.
- Since it takes several years for the completion of reconstruction, it is worried whether local employment and population can be maintained.
- In the stricken areas by collapsed Nuclear Power Generation Plans, no more major emission of radioactive materials observed since April, 2011. Government is planning to rezoning Warning Area and Planned Evacuation Area into Long-term Difficult-to-Return Area(More than 100 mSv of Annual Radiation Exposure), Prioritized Decontamination Zone and Decontamination and Possible to Return Area. It is worried that many people, especially younger generation, may not come back their home towns affected by radiation.
- All the nuclear power plants in Japan will stop working in April this year for trouble or regular check. The Government says there will be no shortage of electricity, but the future electricity supply will be un clear.

Tsunamis hit Sanriku-area

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2. From the disaster prevention to the disaster reduction

- Disasters can be beyond assumption
- From disaster prevention planning to disaster reduction planning.
- Disasters cannot be prevented by man-made facilities, such as water breaks or sea walls.
 - The combination of disaster prevention facilities, town and village planning and evacuation facilities is most important
 - People's life must be saved, and the properties are protected as much as possible.
- The disaster reduction planning should be applied to the recovery plans of damaged areas and the preventive plans of areas where large scale natural disasters are expected.

Communities should be moved to higher ground so that Tsunami does not reach. Tsunami Evacuation buildings or man-made deck should be built at lower ground where business and commercial activities may be located.





3. Learning lessons from the past experiences Ex. 1 Sanriku-cho Yoshihama

Ofunato City, Iwate Prefecture, before the disaster



Yoshihama Tsunami Flooding areas in 2011

Pink color: flooding areas, Purple color: houses were damaged



The community of Yoshihama, at high ground



Broken seawall in Yoshihama



Ex.2 Touni-hongo, Kamaishi City, before the disaster.



Touni-hongo, Kamaishi City

Pink color: flooding areas, Purple color: houses were damaged



Toni-hongo, after the disaster



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Toni-Hongo, seawall



Ex.3 Taro, Miyako City, Iwate Prefecture before the disaster



Toro, Seawall



Taro

Pink color: flooding areas, Purple color: houses were damaged



Taro, 2011, after the disaster



4: Conclusions





For getting the whole picture, qualitatively and quantitatively Satellite Observations for Great East Japan Earthquake







PALSAR interferogram indicating crustal deformation

Satellite-ground distance change

For getting the detail picture, qualitatively and quantitatively Mobile Mapping System for Great East Japan Earthquake

