

Introduction

The Hanshin/Awaji Earthquake that occurred on January 17, 1995 made us understand the horror of an earthquake occurring directly below a city. The earthquake taught Suita City many lessons as well. Sixteen years later, on March 11, 2011 an enormous magnitude 9.0 deep-ocean earthquake caused the March 11 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami disaster. This disaster was unprecedented in the wide area it affected and in its complexity, combining a large-scale earthquake and tsunami with a nuclear power plant accident. This disaster reminded us again of the horrors of earthquakes.

Not only earthquakes, a variety of natural disasters occur every year including typhoons and torrential rains, causing precious lives and property to be lost.

Based on these experiences the city has reviewed its regional disaster prevention plan. In order to be able to achieve a kind of urban development that is strong against disasters, one that allows city residents to live without fear, we are annually engaged in disaster prevention measures such as the earthquake-proofing of public facilities and the provisioning of emergency food and life necessities.

We must have a sense of solidarity and work to protect our city by ourselves. In order to minimize damage, we must be continually prepared and understand the importance of creating relationships in which we see other residents in ways such as paying attention every day to the disabled, the elderly, and to children.

This Disaster Prevention Handbook is a summary of information on disaster preparations and what to do when a disaster occur. Please keep this handbook near at hand at all times. We hope that this handbook will be used to confirm the location of your evacuation area together with your children and other family members, and will be used when area residents discuss disaster prevention.

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