Earthquake Disaster Preparedness Strategies and Activation within Local Communities of a Suburb of Tokyo

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Introduction

- Case study: N City, a suburban Tokyo City
- Object: the current status of disaster mitigation activities within its local communities

- We held... (Date: Nov. 28th 2013)
  1) Workshop “Disaster mitigation”
  2) Questionnaire

N City
Population: 200,000
Household: 93,000
We held... (Date: Nov. 28th 2013)

1) Workshop

“What would you do if a big earthquake occurs in N City?”

2) Questionnaire

The status of local disaster preparedness strategies

All 25 members participated in this study.

• Within every large community are smaller community sub-groups, such as...

  Neighborhood associations (representing a community of residents) (12 people took part in our workshop and questionnaire)

  Public schools (participants: 4 people)

  Public organization (city, fire dept., police dept., social welfare groups, etc.) (participants: 9 people)
Conclusion

In case of N City...

- Problem: Many neighborhood associations are not activated yet.

- The analysis of these trends exemplifies the need for networking among local communities as well as with city governments to help ensure adequate earthquake disaster preparedness.

For further details, please join Poster Session #2 (3:15 pm – 4:15 pm)