

Flood Management in Japan

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Outline of the Disaster Management System in Japan



- Under the Disaster Management System in Japan, clear roles and responsibilities of the national and local governments are defined ahead of time.
- •The relevant stakeholders of the public and private sectors cooperate in implementing various disaster countermeasures.

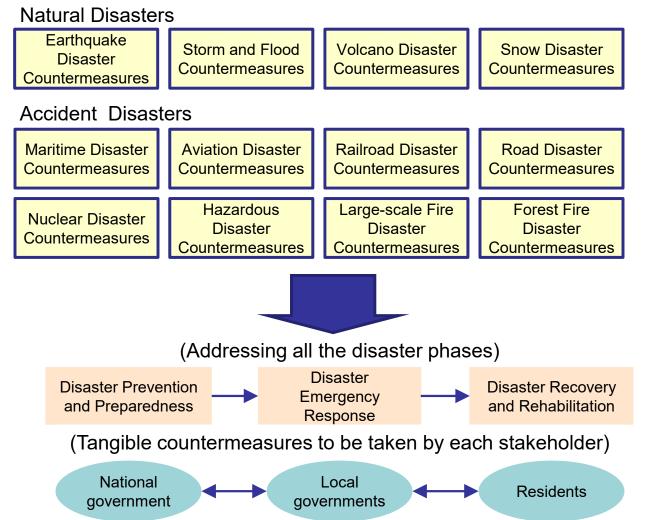
Disaster Management System in Japan

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[National level]
Prime Minister
Central Disaster Management Council
[Prefectural level]
Governor
Prefectural Disaster Management Council
(Municipal level)
Mayors of Cities, Towns and Villages
Municipal Disaster Management Council
(Resident level)
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"Basic Disaster Management Plan"



•The Basic Disaster Management Plan states comprehensive countermeasures for disaster risk reduction, such as disaster management system, projects on disaster risk reduction, fast and appropriate disaster recovery and rehabilitation works, as well as scientific and technical research.

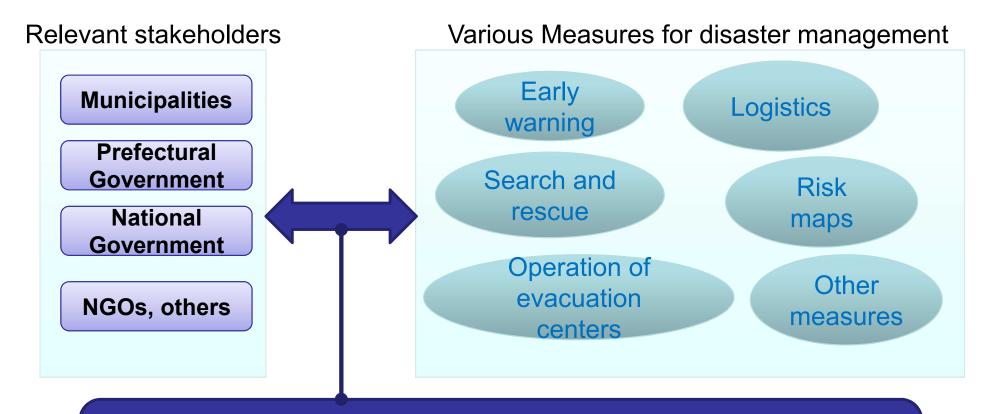


 The plan has been revised based on the experience of disasters.

Role sharing by various stakeholders



•In particular, non-structural measures are taken by various stakeholders.

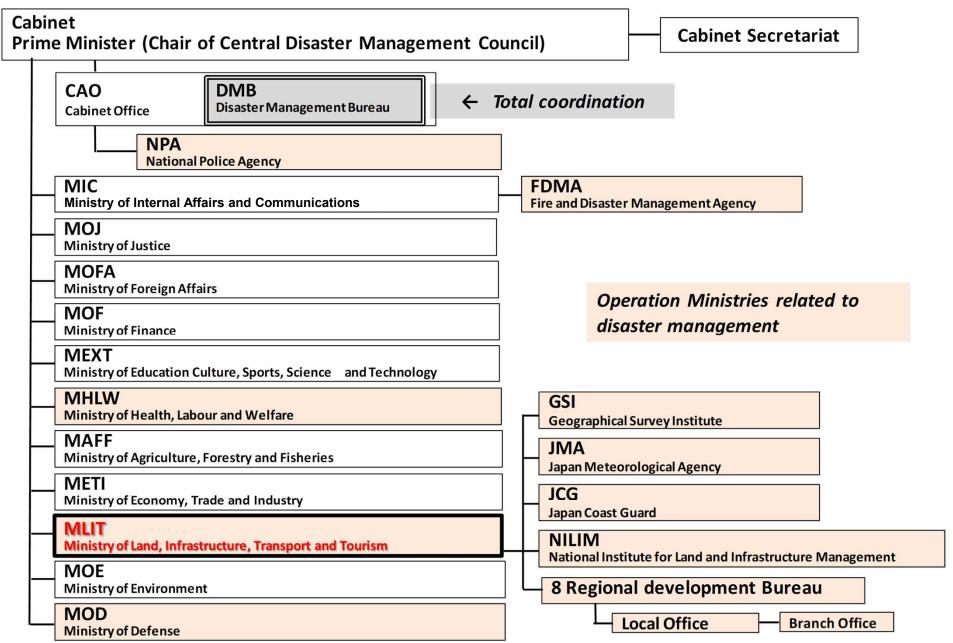


National Government, Prefectural Government, and Municipalities develop the **Basic Disaster Management Plans** which clearly states the responsibility of each stakeholder.

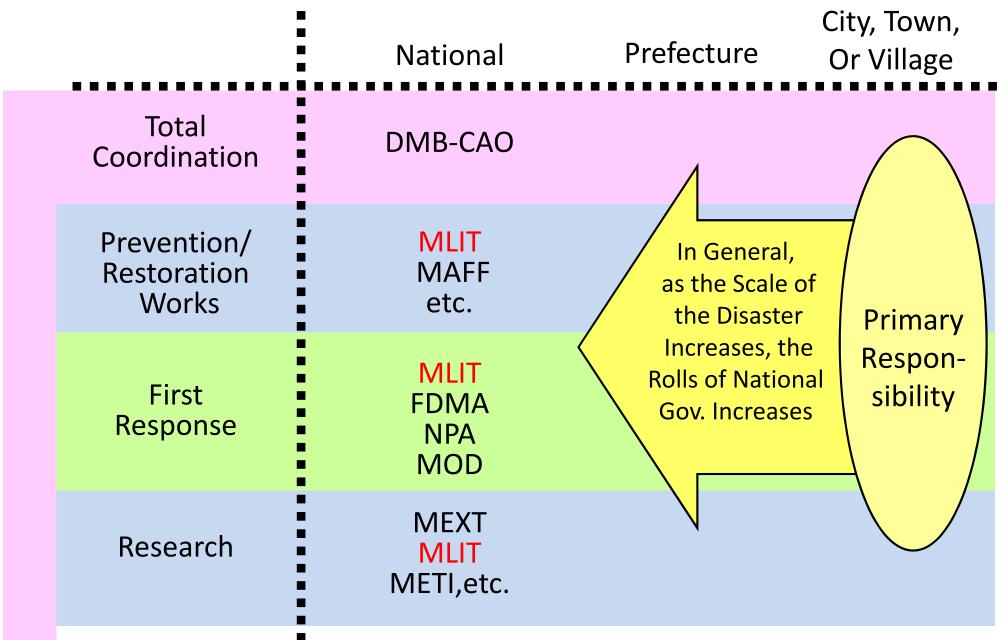
•Municipalities especially take the important role in implementing countermeasures such as transmitting early warnings.

Disaster Management System in central government in case of huge disasters (2)





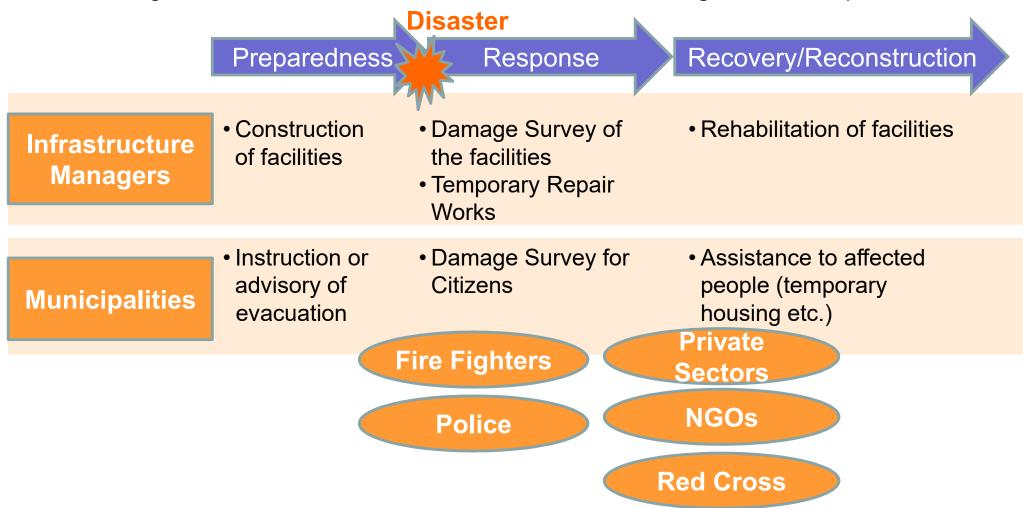




Stakeholders in disaster management



Various organizations take different roles in disaster management in Japan.



Infrastructure Managers

National government, Prefectural government, or Municipalities according to the classification of the infrastructures.

Structural measures for disaster management are mostly taken by infrastructure managers.



Disaster Prevention

- As public facility administrator
 - ✓ Improvement and management of disaster management facilities (e.g., levees, flood gates and so on)
 - ✓ Improvement and management of disaster resilient facilities (e.g., roads, ports etc.)

 (there are 8 regional development bureaus and 179 branch offices of the bureaus)

Emergency Response

- MLIT as public facility administrator, has established the system that enables immediate response to a disaster.
- MLIT provides prefectural governments and municipalities with necessary supports by use of TEC-FORCE system.

Disaster Recovery

- As public facility administrator, MLIT raises funding and implements various projects.
- MLIT manages disaster recovery system (evaluation of a disaster and decision making on the selection of an adequate project)

Rehabilitation

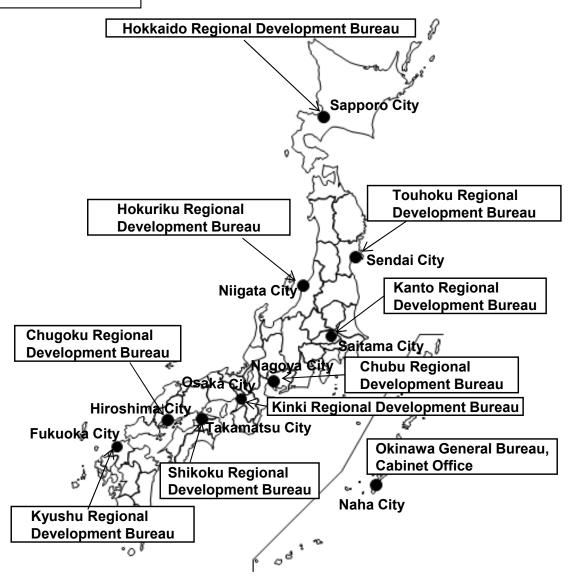
- As public facility administrator, MLIT raises funding and implements various projects.
- MLIT provide assistance for construction of resilient towns against disaster (e.g., Law on Tsunami Disaster Management Regional Development and so on)

Regional Development Bureaus and Local Offices of MLIT



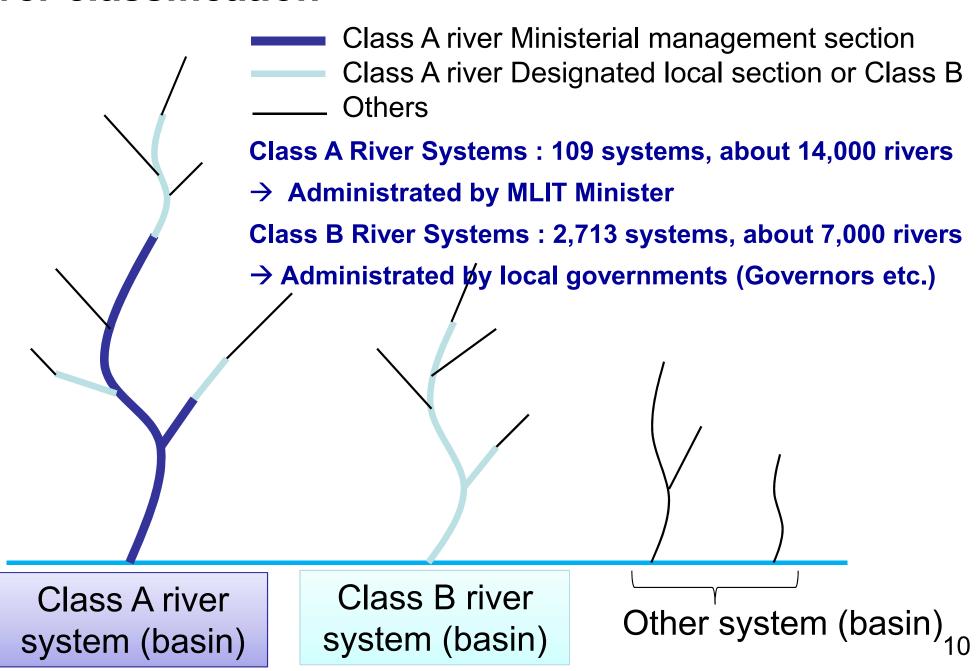
Regional Development Bureaus and Their Functions

Number of Staff	26,556(FY2012) ** staff in all sectors including roads, ports, etc.
Number of Local Offices	Local Offices 179 <breakdown> Rivers and Roads: 48 Rivers: 55 Dam Construction: 21 Dam Management: 39 Sediment Control (Sabo): 14 Others: 2</breakdown>
Number of Branch Offices in Local Offices	Branch Offices : 387
Services (Number of Systems and Facilities)	109 River Basins Management (Lengths of rivers directly managed by MLIT 10,588km) 39 Dams under construction 120 Dams in operation 12 Coasts, 39 Sediment Control (Sabo) Area





River classification



Hydrological observation by river administrators



OHydrological observation data are used in river administration

OThis data can also be widely provided to and used by local governments, researchers

Hydrological observation

- -Rainfall observation (rain recorder, radar rain gauging)
- -water lever gauging
- -Discharge observation,
- -water quality observation
- -bottom material observation
- -underground water level observation



Publication

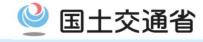
- Ohydrological water quality DB
- Oriver disaster information
- Odisaster information center

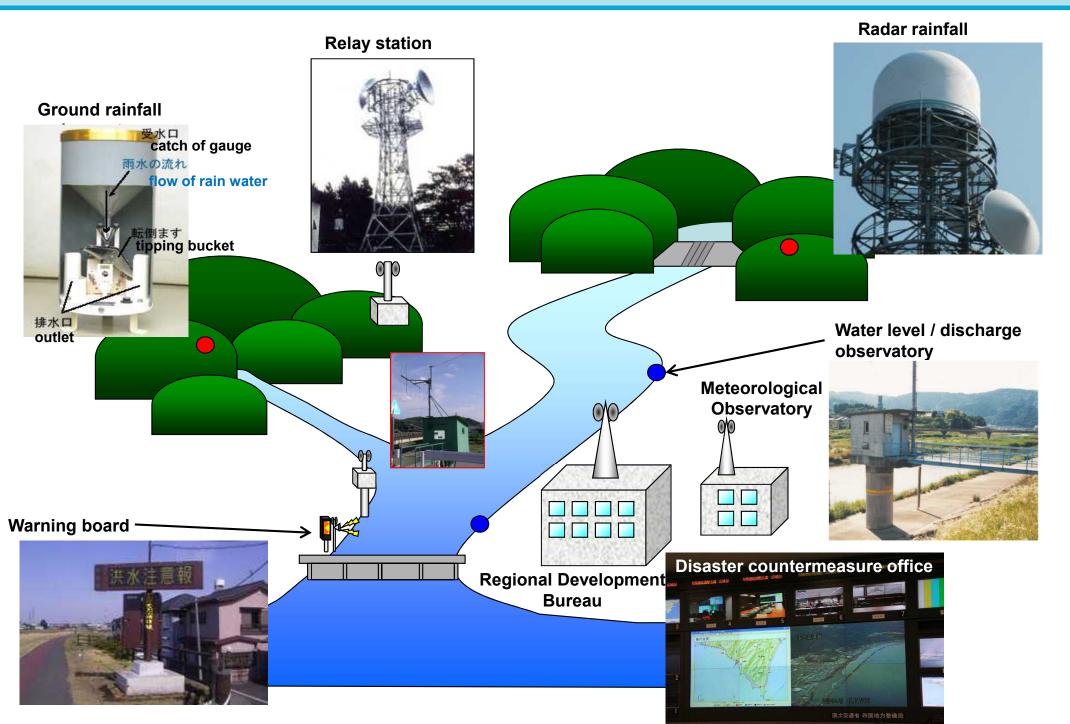


- **ODrafting river plans**
- **ORiver development**
- **OProper maintenance**

- Ocontrol of rivers and facilities
- Oconservation of river environment
- ORisk management on flood time

Hydrological observation in rivers (image)







✓ Low cost

- Measure river level only during floodLess than 10 thousand US\$ for initial cost

✓ Long life

More than 5 years operation without power supply

✓ Localized

Local river authorities are able to maintain it and use data

Power Saving by Mode Switching Cloud

Data Transmission

once a day

every 5 – 10 mins

<During flood>



Measurement every 5-10 mins

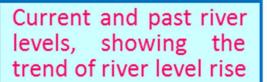


Web Application



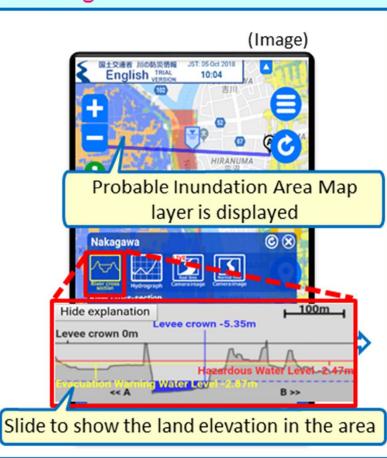
Real-time and wide-range rainfall data

CCTV camera





Lateral profile of the current river level, showing the risk stage of flooding



Live image from CCTV camera, showing the condition of river and flood plain









Flood Forecast

- Show water levels and flow rates when there is a risk of flooding and notify municipalities
- Target rivers in large basins where it is technically possible to predict water levels etc.

Water Level Notification

- Notify municipalities when water levels reach reference levels for evacuation
- Target rivers where the basin area is small and there is not sufficient time to conduct flood forecasting

Flood Warning

When there is a risk of flood disaster, notify municipalities of the need to carry out flood-fighting activities.

Collaboration Announcement with JMA

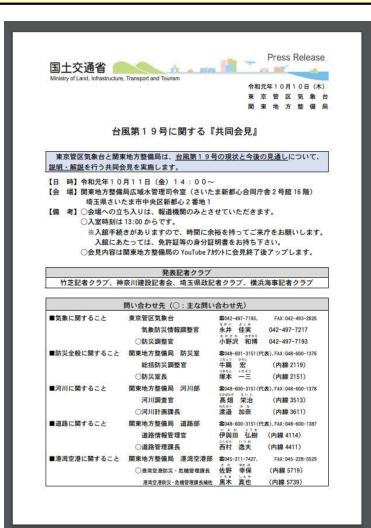


- •"Regional Bureau, MLIT" and "Regional Headquarters, JMA" implemented the collaboration announcement about forecasting and warning of the Typhoon.
- •TV stations broadcasted the contents of the announcement.



東北地方整備局と仙台管区気象台の合同説明会 (令和元年10月11日 NHK「てれまさむね」より)

Collaboration Announcement by MLIT Tohoku Reg. and JMA Sendai



Collaboration Announcement with JMA



- O"Kyushu Regional Bureau, MLIT" and "Fukuoka Regional Headquarters, JMA" implemented the collaboration announcement about forecasting and warning of the heavy rain
- O All of the TV station in Kyushu area broadcasted the contents of the announcement.

Collaboration Announcement



TV broadcasting



Broadcasting times of each TV station

NHK 18:10~18:13

KBC 18:15~18:17

RKB 18:15~18:16

FBS 18:15~18:16

TVQ 17:42~17:43

TNC 17:45~17:46

All of the TV station in Kyushu Broadcasted



- THANK YOU -

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