

Protect yourself and your family from natural disasters

Survival Passport

Chapter 164

In the Citywide Disaster Drill on 17 January 70% of the neighborhood associations joined in!

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On Friday 17 January, Minoh City ran the 13th annual Citywide Disaster Drill.

This time it was on a weekday, but 254 neighborhood associations (approx. 70% total) joined in. Many people ran safety checks by using the Yellow Cloth Strategy and calling out to others.

This result is thanks to those who joined previous drills and other disaster prevention activities in the area, and also due to the impact of the 2018 Northern Osaka Earthquake and the Noto Peninsula Earthquake on 1 January this year.

Thank you all for joining in.

The District Emergency Management Committees held various drills at each Elementary School District evacuation center!

In the Toyokawa Kita Elementary School District...

We held a drill to test many different ways to prepare for a disaster. We ran safety checks, simulated the evacuation center reception process for foreign residents, held disaster prevention talks, lectures to 4th grade students about disaster preparation, tested how to use emergency equipment and materials (such as power generators and walkie-talkies), and distributed emergency food near its expiration date.

Participants also confirmed with each other that they will hold drills and check equipment on a regular basis.

(Photo) Lecture on Disaster Preparation

(Photo) Setting up tent partitions during the drill

In the Minami Elementary School District...

We held a drill to assemble materials and equipment to prevent infectious diseases (such as tent partitions, cardboard partitions, and stretcher beds), as well as testing how to use fire prevention materials and equipment, and safety check drills. Children from a nearby kindergarten also participated in the drills, checking the route from the kindergarten to the evacuation center. The company hopes to incorporate the use of Evacuation Center Management Games (Hinanjo Unei Game, HUG) into future drills to raise disaster prevention awareness.

District Emergency Management Committees...

are organizations at the center of the community, that run disaster response work and evacuation centers in a disaster.

They are in each of the city's 14 Elementary School Districts, run by each district's residents together with local welfare, youth, and neighborhood associations.

The committee is split into multiple groups for different tasks:

The role of District Emergency Management Committees in a disaster

- Opening and running evacuation centers
- Gathering safety check results handed into evacuation centers from neighborhood associations etc., finding out the level of damage
- Contacting the City Disaster Response Headquarters, sharing disaster information
- Going to give support to areas in need, relief work

- Checking the safety of elderly people living alone, people with physical disabilities, etc.

Training by the District Emergency Management Committee

By joining the Disaster Drill, you are helping to minimize harm in a real disaster!

Natural disasters such as earthquakes can happen at any time!

It is important that we all have a strong awareness of how to prepare for a disaster and that we know what actions to take when a disaster strikes.

If even 1 more person joins the drill and runs safety checks, this can help minimize harm in a real disaster.

Next year's Citywide Disaster Drill is on Saturday 17 January! Be sure to join in with your family!