

Protect yourself and your family from natural disasters

Survival Passport

Chapter 176

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

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On Saturday 17 January, Minoh City ran the 14th annual Citywide Disaster Drill.

Since the drill was on a Saturday, 255 neighborhood associations (approx. 70% total) joined in, allowing many more people to carry out safety checks and other procedures compared to last year.

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 2024.

Thank you all for joining in.

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

In the Kayano Elementary School District...

We held various disaster safety drills including evacuation center setup drills, safety confirmation drills, joint drills with Minoh Police Department (featuring a display of the Osaka Prefectural Police Headquarters' high-performance rescue vehicle Unimog and rescue drills with police dogs), child handover drills, and a viewing of a disaster prevention warehouse. Also, to show the importance of stockpiling supplies, we presented participants with disaster prevention food supplies.

In the Nishi Elementary School District...

We held evacuation center setup drills, safety confirmation drills, fire prevention drills with water fire extinguishers with the fire department, and a joint emergency cooking and distribution drill with Japan Self-Defense Forces. The children who participated in the drills said "It was difficult, but I was so happy I was able to learn it!". Also, during the joint emergency cooking and distribution drill with the Japan Self-Defense Forces, the curry served was so popular that people were lining up for it.

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.

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 to have a high level of awareness of disaster prevention on a regular basis and for each of us to learn how to respond in the event of a disaster.

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 **Sunday** 17 January! Be sure to join in with your family!