

Extensive Support to Kumamoto by Union of Kansai Governments

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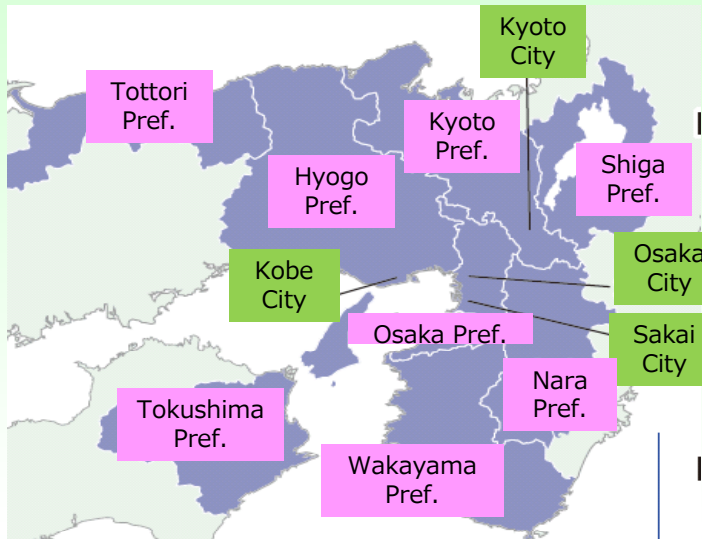
What is the Union of Kansai Governments (UKG)?

Purpose

- Creating a decentralized society
- Taking responsibility for region-wide administration of the entire Kansai region
- Preparing for transference of administrative tasks from branch offices of the national government

Background

- 【2010. 2】 Established by prefectures in Kansai as the first organization in Japan consisting of multiple prefectures
- 【2012】 Some ordinance-designated cities joined
- 【2015】 Nara Prefecture joined



Region-wide tasks

Tasks in 7 fields

- (1) Disaster preparedness (Nankai Trough Earthquake, etc.)
- (2) Tourism, culture, sports promotion (Inbound tourism, etc.)
- (3) Industrial promotion (Kansai Innovation Int'l Strategic Comprehensive Special Zone, etc.)
- (4) Medical services (Joint operation of air ambulances, etc.)
- (5) Environmental conservation (Cross-boundary wildlife control [cormorants, etc.]
- (6) Certification exams, licensing (Licensed cooks, confectionary hygienists, and assistant nurses)
- (7) Training (Region-wide staff training)

Response to common challenges

- **Region-wide infrastructure**
- **Energy measures**
- **Special Zones**
- **Promotion of innovation**
- **Devolution of power from the national government**

UKG's support to 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake

Set up the disaster response headquarters led by the UKG President. Supported the affected areas from the local support headquarters in the Kumamoto Pref. Government and the liaison offices in the Town Offices of Mashiki, Ozu and Kikuyo

Apr. 14 (Thu.)	Around 21:26	Foreshock occurred
	21:40	Set up the disaster support preparation office (Head: Advisor to the Director General for Disaster Preparedness Planning)
	23:00	Advance team consisting of 3 members headed for Kumamoto (Head: Director, Region-wide Disaster Preparedness Planning Div.)
Apr. 16 (Sat.)	Around 1:25	Main shock occurred
	2:00	Set up the disaster support office and support coordination office (Head: Director General, Region-wide Disaster Preparedness Office)
	6:00	Set up the local support headquarters
	14:00	Kumamoto Earthquake support conference was held (Attended by disaster/crisis-management superintendents from UKG member prefectures/cities)
Apr. 20 (Wed.)	Set Up the 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake disaster response headquarters Set up the local liaison offices in the Towns of Mashiki and Ozu	
Apr. 21 (Thu.)	Set up the local liaison office in the Town of Kikuyo	

2016 Kumamoto Earthquake disaster response headquarters (Apr. 20 [Wed.])

Local support headquarters (Kumamoto Pref. Gov. / Apr. 16 [Sat.])

- Mashiki Town local liaison office (Apr. 20 [Wed.]) Counterpart pref.: Shiga, Kyoto, Hyogo, Nara, Wakayama, Tokushima, Tottori
- Ozu Town local liaison office (Apr. 20 [Wed.]) Counterpart pref.: Osaka
- Kikuyo Town local liaison office (Apr. 21 [Thu.]) Counterpart pref.: Nara

* Cities of Kyoto, Osaka, Sakai and Kobe supported Kumamoto City under the coordination of the mayors conference of ordinance-designated cities

Support activities

(1) Relief goods

Instant rice (approx. 240,000 servings), blankets (approx. 27,000 sheets), portable toilets (approx. 1,500 sets), tarpaulins (approx. 1,600 sheets)

(2) Human resources (As of Jul. 5, 2016)

- ◇ Support team dispatch, support operation of evacuation shelters, support housing damage assessment, etc.
- ◇ Total: 6,948 person-days, 20 persons/day (Not including the police, firefighters, DMAT, etc.)



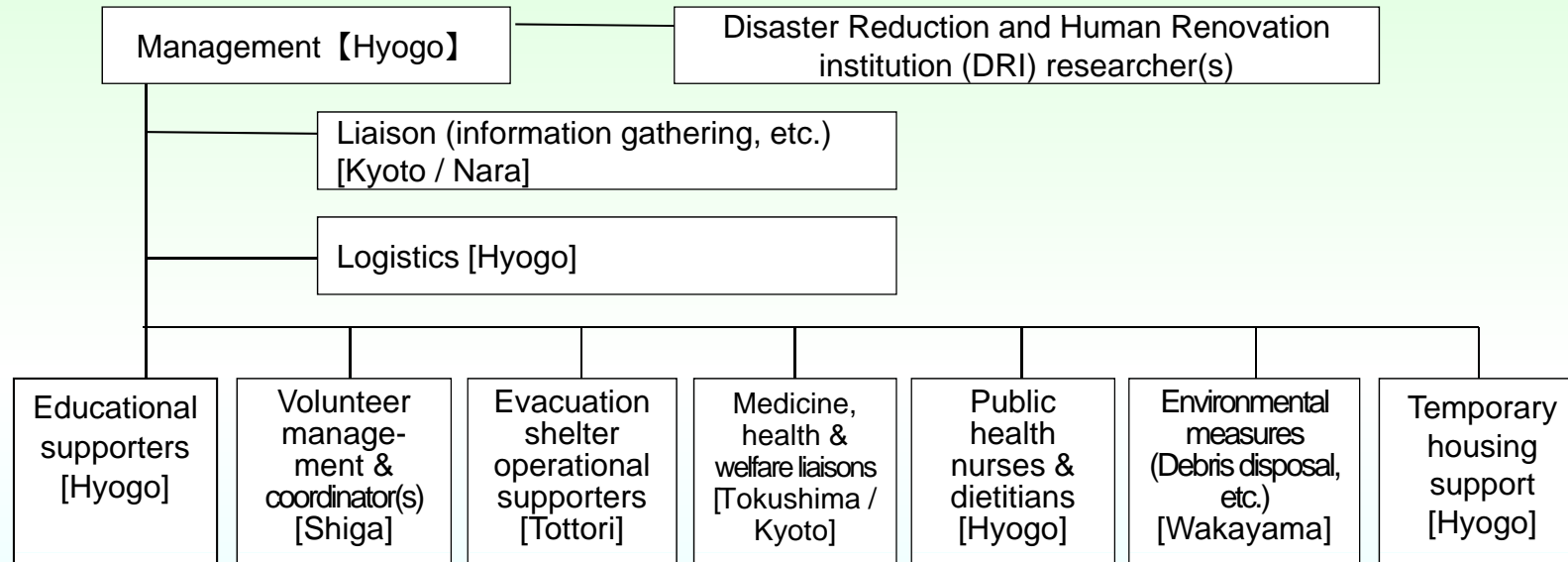
(As of May 19; unit: persons) * Includes staff from municipal governments

Prefecture	Local support HQ (Kumamoto Pref. Gov.)	Mashiki Town liaison office			Ozu Town liaison office			Kikuyo Town liaison office		Total
		Support team	Evacuation shelter operation, etc.	Damage assessment	Liaison staff, etc.	Evacuation shelter operation, etc.	Damage assessment	Liaison staff, etc.	Evacuation shelter operation, etc.	
Shiga		2	6	2						10
Kyoto	Team liaison staff	6	9	4						19
Osaka					1	9	10			20
Hyogo	Team manager / logistics	16	6	8			2			32
Nara	Team liaison staff	1	2	4				1	3	11
Wakayama		2	7	4						13
Tokushima		2	8	2						12
Tottori		2	6	2						10
Total		31	44	2	1	9	12	1	3	129

The support team

Dispatched a support team consisted of veterans and experts from each field to Mashiki Town, the most damaged area

【Support team system for Mashiki Town】



Activities of the support team (1)

[Educational supporters]

The EARTH (Emergency And Rescue Team by school staff in Hyogo) provided support for resuming school, mental care for students, etc. (Lower left photo: classroom assistance at Mashiki Municipal Ino Elementary School)



[Volunteer management & coordinator(s)]

Supported volunteer centers operated by the Social Welfare Council, etc.

Activities of the support team (2)

[Evacuation shelter operational supporters]
Supported the operation of evacuation shelters



Improvement of the living environment
in evacuation shelters
(A room in Mashiki Town Central Gym)



Activities of the support team (3)

[Medicine, health & welfare liaisons] [Public health nurses & dietitians]
Established and operated special needs shelters, took care of vulnerable persons in evacuation shelters, visited vulnerable persons at home, etc.



Healthcare management for evacuees
by public health nurses

Dietary instruction by
registered dietitians



Activities of the support team (4)

[Environmental measures (Debris disposal, etc.)]

Helped segregation of disaster waste, operation of temporary disposal site, etc.



[Temporary housing support]

Assisted in land survey, resident acceptance plans, etc.

Support for the operation of the evacuation shelters, counter services and damage assessment

[Housing damage assessment]

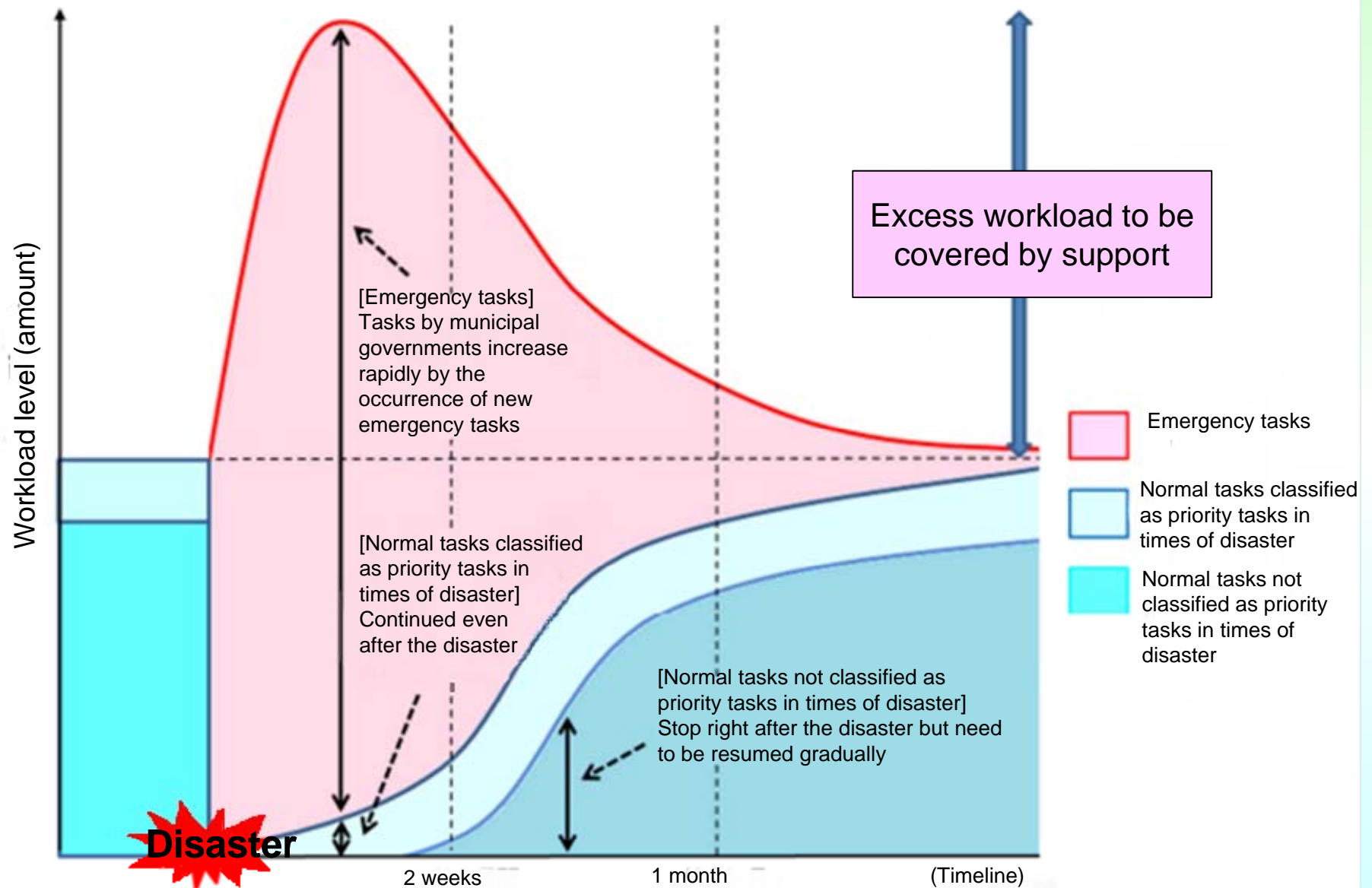
Assessed the damage with the town's officials



[Counter services]

Helped the issuance of disaster victim certificates, etc.

Workload shift after the disaster



Source: OCP guide for municipalities (Cabinet Office, May 2015)

Challenges toward future

(1) Absence of liaisons

- What is needed?
- What kind of staff are needed and where?

(2) Inadequate support system

[Common challenges]

- No standard in emergency response
- Short-staffed
(Lack of experienced staff)

[Support providers]

- Systematic support with commander is needed

[Support recipients]

- Measure of support personnel is not established



① **Generalization and sharing of know-how**

- Draw challenges and lessons from past support system
- Enhance drills/trainings and develop training programs

② **Standardize operation**

- Create a “Guideline for disaster response”

③ **Partnership with the private sector**

- Promote smooth supply system in delivering relief goods



Thank you very much for your attention

