

Outline of the Basic Act for National Resilience Contributing to Preventing and Mitigating Disasters for Developing Resilience in the Lives of the Citizenry

Basic Principles

When promoting measures concerning National Resilience, it is important to implement measures that will contribute to disaster prevention and mitigation as required and to swift recovery and reconstruction from disasters in a comprehensive and systematic manner, based on the lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake, and with the aim of enhancing Japan's international competitiveness, relevant measures must be established appropriately under clear goals through such means as assessing the current status in terms of ensuring the safety and health and protecting the property of the citizens against large-scale natural disasters and of minimizing the influence of large-scale natural disasters on the lives of the citizenry and the national economy, and such measures must be incorporated into the national plan, etc.

Basic Policies

- Ensure the protection of human lives to the extent possible.
- Avoid fatal damage to important functions of the nation and the society and to ensure that such functions are maintained, thereby enabling the political, economic and social activities of Japan to remain sustainable.
- Minimize damage to the property of the citizenry and public facilities.
- Contribute to swift recovery and reconstruction.
- Immediately develop a system for the purpose of promoting initiatives for building national resilience by combining measures relating to the development of facilities, etc. with those do not.
- Make efforts for disaster prevention and mitigation based on an appropriate combination of self-help efforts, mutual assistance and public help, with the national government playing a central role in particularly serious or urgent situations.
- Select and implement measures intensively, while giving due consideration to ensuring implementation of relevant measures on an ongoing basis through effective use of financial funds.

Policies for Establishing and Implementing Measures

- Try to reduce cost through effective use of the existing social capital, etc.
- Contribute to efficient and effective maintenance and management of facilities and equipment.
- Give due consideration to sympiosis with nature and harmony with the environment in accordance with the characteristics of each region.
- Try to actively utilize private sector funding.
- Conduct assessment of vulnerability to large-scale natural disasters.
- Promote reasonable use of land from the viewpoint of protecting human lives.
- Promote research and development based on scientific knowledge and try to disseminate the outcomes thereof.

Establishment of Fundamental Plan for National Resilience

* The Fundamental Plan for National Resilience shall be established as the guidelines for other national plans concerning national resilience.

○ Procedures for establishment

◆ Preparation of a draft (National Resilience Promotion Headquarters)

- * The Headquarters hears the opinions of prefectures, municipalities, etc.
- * The Headquarters decides the order of priority for measures to be implemented intensively in light of the public need, objectivity, fairness and reasonableness, while ensuring the transparency of the process of preparing the draft.

◆ Cabinet decision

○ Matters to be stated

- Covered sectors of measures
- Basic guidelines for establishing measures
- Other matters necessary for promoting measures in a comprehensive and systematic manner

Establishment of the plan based on the assessment results

Verification of the vulnerability assessment results

Harmony

Serves as the guidelines

Other national plans

(Based on the Fundamental Plan for National Resilience)

Implementation of measures by the national government

* The Prime Minister provides necessary recommendations to the heads of the relevant administrative organs.

Implementation of Vulnerability Assessment

* The Headquarters conducts vulnerability assessment upon preparing a draft of the Fundamental Plan for National Resilience

- The Headquarters establishes the guidelines.
- Vulnerability assessment shall be conducted in a comprehensive and objective manner, while envisaging the worst events
- Vulnerability assessment shall be conducted with the cooperation of the relevant administrative organs.

Establishment of Fundamental Plan for Regional Resilience

* A Fundamental Plan for Regional Resilience may be established as the guidelines for other prefectural or municipal plans concerning national resilience.

[Prefectures or municipalities may establish such plan.]

Serves as the guidelines

Other prefectural or municipal plans

Implementation of measures by prefectures or municipalities

Establishment of the National Resilience Promotion Headquarters

- * In order to promote measures concerning National Resilience in a comprehensive and systematic manner, the National Resilience Promotion Headquarters shall be established in the Cabinet Office.
[Director-General] Prime Minister [Vice Directors-General] Chief Cabinet Secretary, Minister in charge of Building National Resilience and Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism [Members] Other Ministers of State
- * The Headquarters may demand submission of materials and other required cooperation from the heads of the relevant administrative organs, etc.

Others

- Consideration concerning appropriate state of organizations in charge of promoting initiatives for building national resilience
- Enhancement of understanding of citizens and other countries