



## Participate in voluntary disaster prevention organizations

“Mutual cooperation” plays a vital role especially when a major disaster strikes, when people need each other’s help and assistance. Everyone is urged to join the residents’ association and participate actively in voluntary disaster prevention activities together with other members of the community.

### Voluntary disaster prevention organizations in Obu City

There are 10 voluntary disaster prevention organizations in the autonomous district units in Obu City, and there are also other units in the residents’ association, etc., that are doing activities. These organizations are regularly involved in activities such as spreading awareness for disaster prevention knowledge, implementing disaster prevention drills and disaster prevention safety inspections, stockpiling of disaster prevention equipment and materials. When a disaster occurs, they are tasked with the establishment and management of evacuation centers as well as giving evacuation guidance to residents, perform rescue, initial firefighting activities, etc.

#### Activities during normal situations

● **Dissemination of disaster prevention knowledge**

Making disaster prevention maps, conducting disaster prevention workshops and disaster prevention events, etc.



● **Disaster prevention patrols / disaster prevention inspections**

Checking disaster prevention warehouse equipment and firefighting water supply, as well as inspecting cinderblock and stone walls, signboards, vending machines, etc., that are likely to collapse.

● **Maintenance of disaster prevention equipment**

Management of disaster prevention equipment such as helmets, fire extinguishers, stretchers, hammers and other work tools.

● **Conducting disaster prevention drills**

Establishment of evacuation centers and training for its operation, evacuation guidance training, initial fire extinguishment training, emergency relief training, food (hot meals) preparation training, etc.

#### Activity during disasters

● **Establishment and operation of evacuation centers**

Establishment of evacuation centers, evacuation guidance and safety confirmation, transportation and distribution of food and goods, sanitary control within the facility, etc.

● **Collection and dissemination of information**

Dissemination of accurate disaster-related information, situation updates, etc., to residents, in close contact with municipalities, etc.

● **Initial fire extinguishment activities**

Activities regarding fire prevention, securing fire extinguishers and firefighting water supply, initial fire extinguishing activities using bucket relay, etc.

● **Rescue and relief activities**

Rescue operation for people who are trapped under collapsed houses, and administering first aid to the injured, transportation, etc.



#### Why are voluntary disaster prevention organizations necessary?

Damages and injuries from fires, people being trapped in collapsed buildings, will occur simultaneously in various places in the city especially during large-scale disasters. It will be difficult to connect using telephones and emails, roads will become unpassable and it will be impossible for police and firefighters to reach all the disaster sites. In this case, it is the role of voluntary disaster prevention organizations to organize everyone in the community to cooperate and help each other to minimize damage or injuries in the area. In order to protect yourself and your city, participate actively in voluntary disaster prevention activities and help us create a “disaster-resistant city”.

