4th Expert Group Meeting on the GEJE

Housing Recovery from Great East Japan Earthquake 2011

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Character of the Great East Japan disaster

- 14:46, 11 Mar 2011
- M9.0
- Multiple disaster; earthquake, tsunami, fire, land slide and nuclear power plant accident
- Huge area; 500km length
 From Aomori to Tokyo
- These characteristics make it different from the Hanshin-Awaji earthquake in 1995 in Kobe.



Damage by the Great East Japan Earthquake

(as of 14 Dec 2012)

- Death 15,878
- 2,713 Missing

18,591 person Total

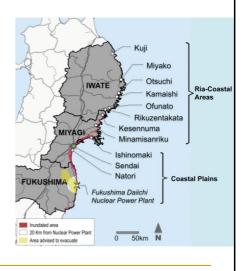
- Secondary death 2,303
- Evacuee 321,8433

House damage

- Totally damaged 129,714 units
- Half damaged 267,603
- 731,534 Partially damaged

Major 3 types of damaged area

- 1. Ria-coastal area Iwate, Miyagi prefecture
- 2. Coastal plain Miyagi prefecture
- 3. Nuclear accident area Fukushima prefecture







Onagawa town, Miyagi prefecture

One of the most heavely damaged areas. Almost 10% of the population was killed.



Building that fell down (tipped over) by tsunami



Hospital on the hill 15m high from sea level. Tsunami attacked the first floor.

Sendai plane



Rice field





Sendai airport



Arahama district, Sendai plane





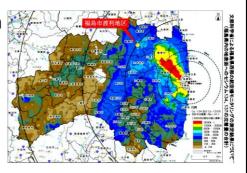
Elementary school, nearest to sea shore





Nuclear radiation contamination

- Nuclear contamination and tsunami damage
- Many local government offices moved to other city, town and prefecture.



They can not know when they can return to their home town.

It is difficult to discuss about reconstruction plan.

Damage by tsunami in nuclear radiation contaminated area

動物愛護団体がfacebookに投稿した写真より





Current scene of contaminated town 動物愛護団体がfacebookに投稿した写真より



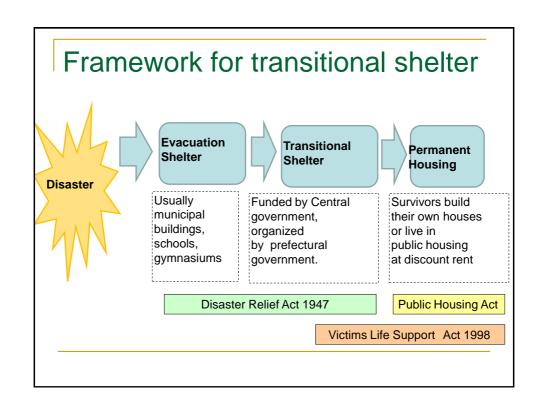




Class room and Grave yard







Three types of temporary housing

As of 14 Dec 2012

A) Temporary housing

48,447 units

- (1) Prefabricated house
- (2) Wooden house
- B) Private apartment as temporary housing 61,442 units
- C) Existing public housing & governmentowned accommodations 10,824 units

Typical temporary housing





Prefabricated house





福島市北幹線第1仮設

大船渡市赤崎

Low quality; biggest problem in prefab temporary housing

- Heat control, noise protection
- Small space <29m²
- Poor facility
- High cost6 mill. yen/unit+ additional work



Additional work to attach heat insulation panel.

We have had many experiences of low quality problem since Hanshin-Awaji earthquake 1995 in Kobe.







Wooden temporary housing

- 30m, 2.6 mill. yen/unit
- Good quality
- Permanent use
- Local material
- Local carpenter
- Good for local economy





Sumitacho town, Iwate pref.

Variation of wooden temporary house

Fukushima Pref.; 6000 units

Iwate pref.; 2500 units

Miyagi pref.; 250 units



60 m2, 4.4 mill yen



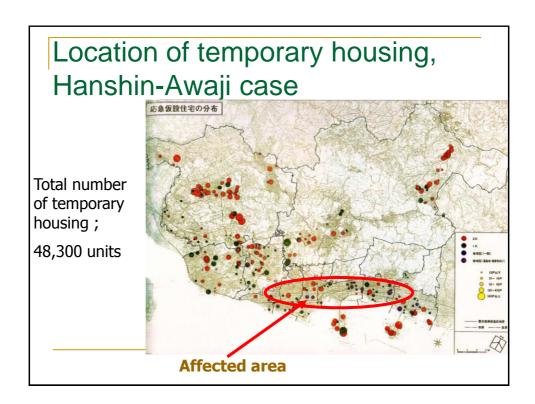


仮設住宅はいいけれど、(大熊町の住民)

Location & facilities

- Lottery system for allocation
- Far from town
- Difficult to go to shop, medical center and living facilities
- Losing community
- These problems are well known as important lessons from Kobe experience.





We can say that temporary housing in GEJE is not products well learned from Hanshin-Awaji earthquake.

The reason must be clear why the same errors has been brought.

Private apartments as temporary housing

- National government money for rent
- 60,000 yen/month for two years
- This system fit for victims needs because they can chose their living location.
- There are many problems.
 - Moving of victims to urban areas
 - 2. Lack of support for victims in private apartments
 - 3. Complicate system to provide rent through national, prefectural and municipal governments.
- The system should be improved before next major disaster in the near future.

Permanent house

- Next stage after temporary housing is getting permanent house.
- There are two options for victims to get the permanent house.
- 1) Public housing; important option for low income victims

Iwate pref.:4,000~5,000 units

Miyagi pref.: 15,000 units

Fukushima pref.: 2130+1000 units

2Self reconstruction

Public housing after Hanshin-Awaji earthquake

- Total number; 38,600 units
- Far from home town
- Lottery system for allocation
- Losing community







Downtown area

Mountainous area

Solitary death

Important lesson from Hanshin-Awaji earthquake is that public housing without community brings social isolation for residents and sometimes it occurs solitary death.

During 18 years since 1995 there has been 1011 persons solitary death because of losing community.

> In temporary housing;233 in public housing ; 778

; 1011 persons Total number

Community oriented planning and design for public housing

- Based on community
- Close to original villages
- Small scale, wooden house





Niigata pref.

Iwate pref.

Disadvantage of Public housing

- Public housing system is important as safety net for victims, particularly for low income peoples.
- However it is not necessarily best solution.
- Small space, fixed plan, high rise tower block (sometimes), no garden, no farm
- Many victims in Tohoku area had big house with garden and farm where they made flower and vegetable and they could keep health and enjoyed the life.
- Public housing can not afford them these conditions.
- In terms of management of public housing, in future local government should be suffer from heavy work under many number of new public housing.

Self reconstruction

- It is best way for victims to reconstruct their house as before earthquake on their own land, if it is possible.
- In this sense main measure to get permanent house should be support for victims to construct their own housing.
- So it is better way to decrease the number of public housing, and promote the victims to make self reconstruction by financial support.

Finance support for self reconstruction

- Finance support is very important, but it is quite limited.
- National government support is ¥3 million in maximum case depend on damage level.
- This system has been created after Hanshin-Awaji earthquake, Victims Life support Act 1998.
- National government scheme must be improved.
- Local government should provide additional support.
- In Noto earthquake 2007, central and local government support money was up to ¥7.7 million and in Niigata Chuetsuoki case 2007was ¥6.5 million.

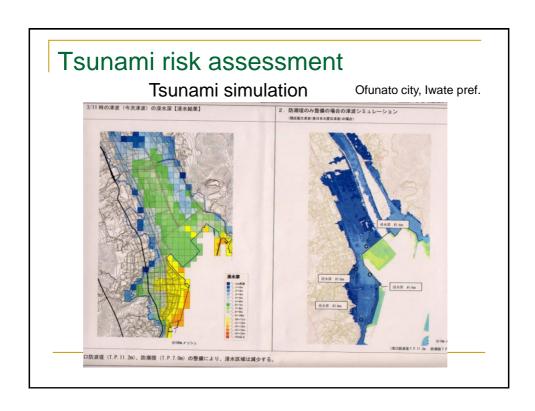
Land use and urban planning issues

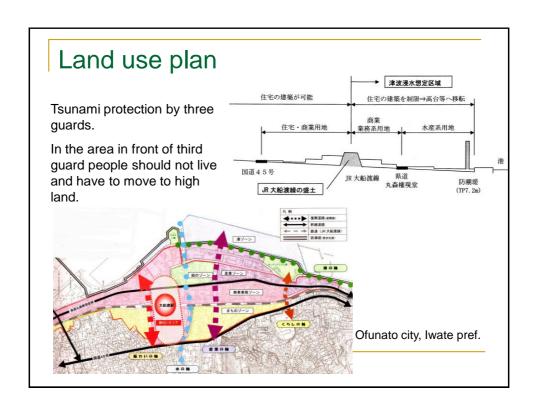
- Wide area is covered by sea water.
- Wide area has future risk attacked by tsunami.
- In those areas victims can not reconstruct on their own land.
- Relocation program from coastal area to inland or highland area is strongly suggested.

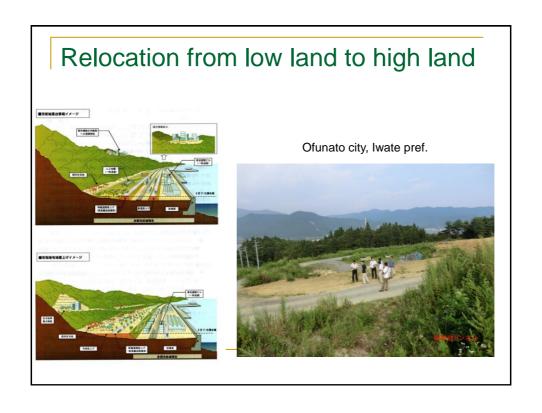




Ofunato city, Iwate pref.







Many problems

- Consensus making
- Merit and demerit for relocation ?
- Job in new area?
- Money to build new housing in new area
- Relocation project needs long time, three or five years.
- During those time how can they earn the money to live?
- Each local government lacks the man power to promote making consensus.

Relocation experience in Banda Aceh, Indonesia



Vacant housing

Far from home town,
No job, vacant house
It seems to provide many
lessons to Japanese
current situation.



Empty classroom and market



Temporary shopping center

 Local people have to struggle to make a micro business and to find out better reconstruction way.





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