

# International Symposium on Water and Disasters -Learning from Historical Lessons and Good Practices -

## Recurrent Water-related Disasters in Japan -their Mechanism and Future Trends-

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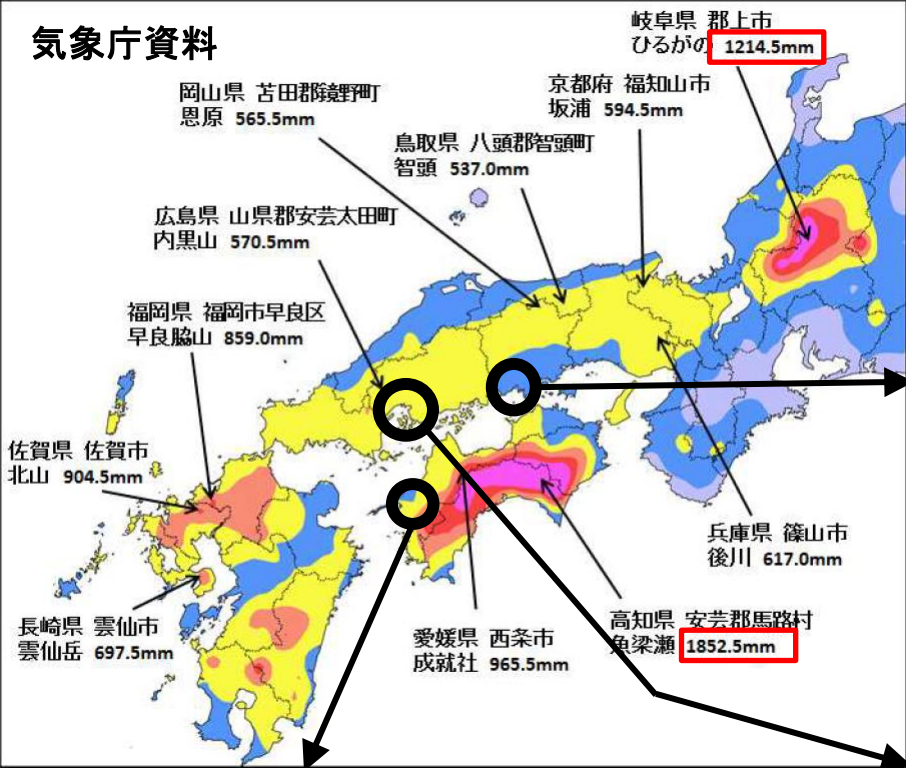
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# Western Japan Floods 2018

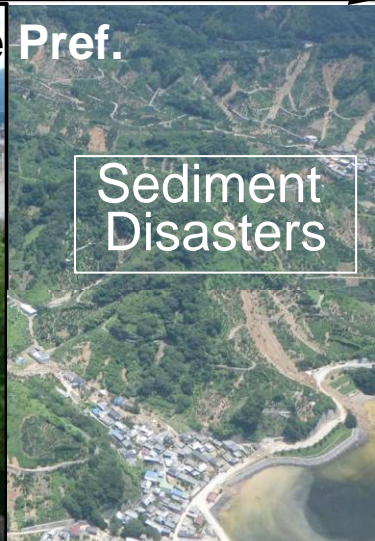
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### Flood Levee Breach



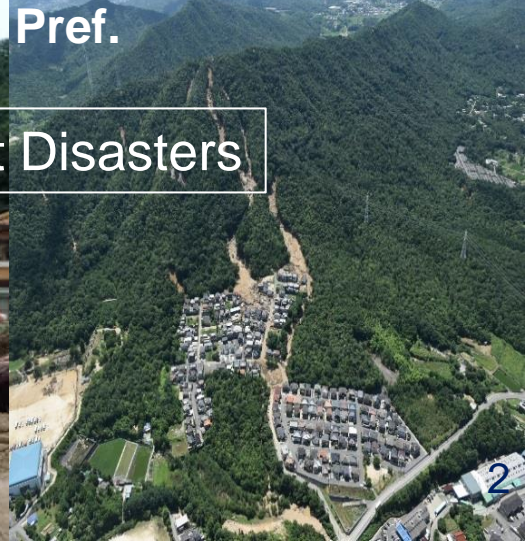
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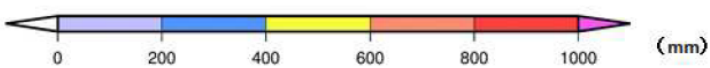


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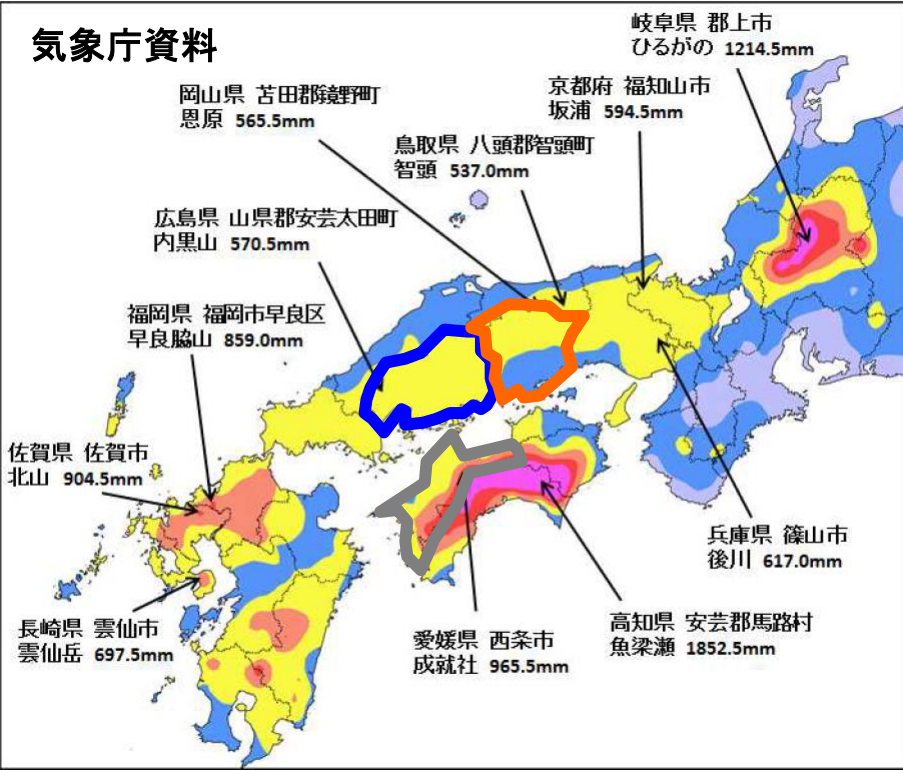


### Overflow & Inundation



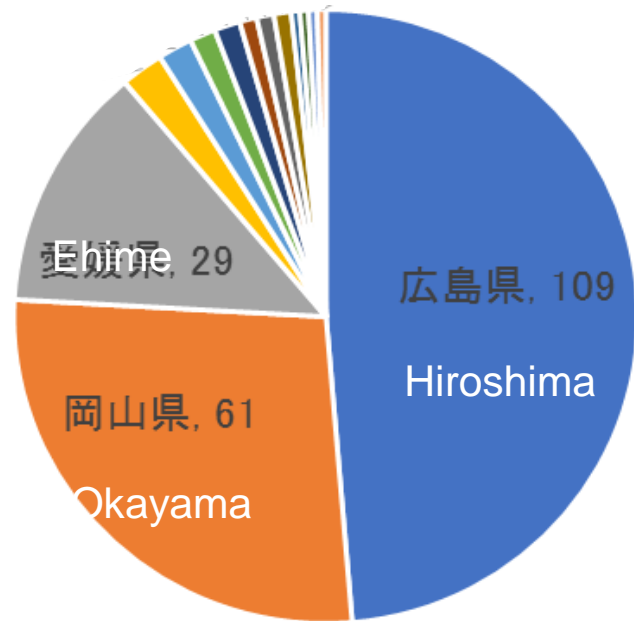
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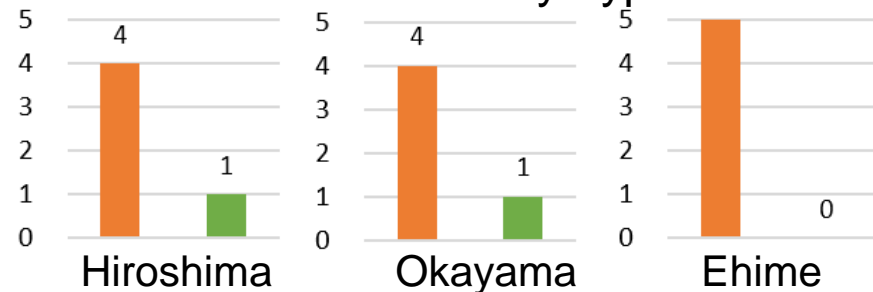
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Mortality: 224  
(the worst case after 1982)

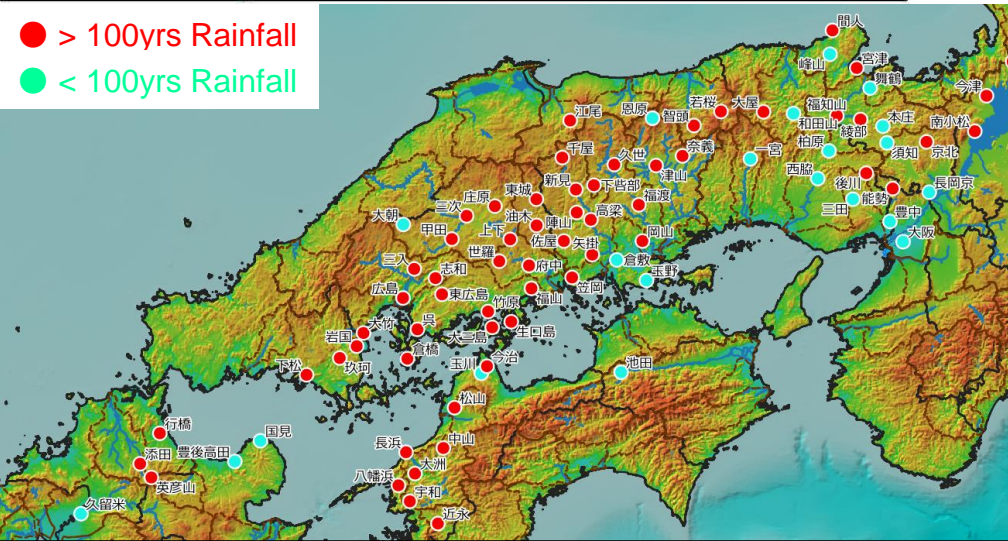


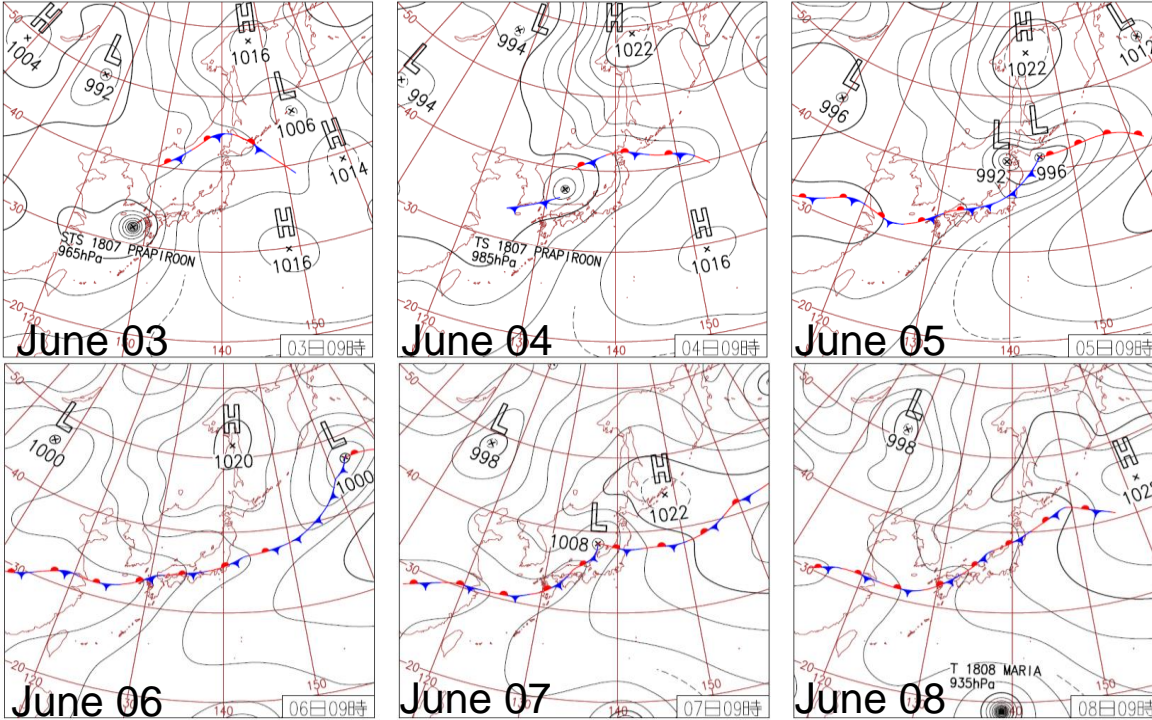
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Major River of each Prefecture  
Maximum Flood by Typhoon

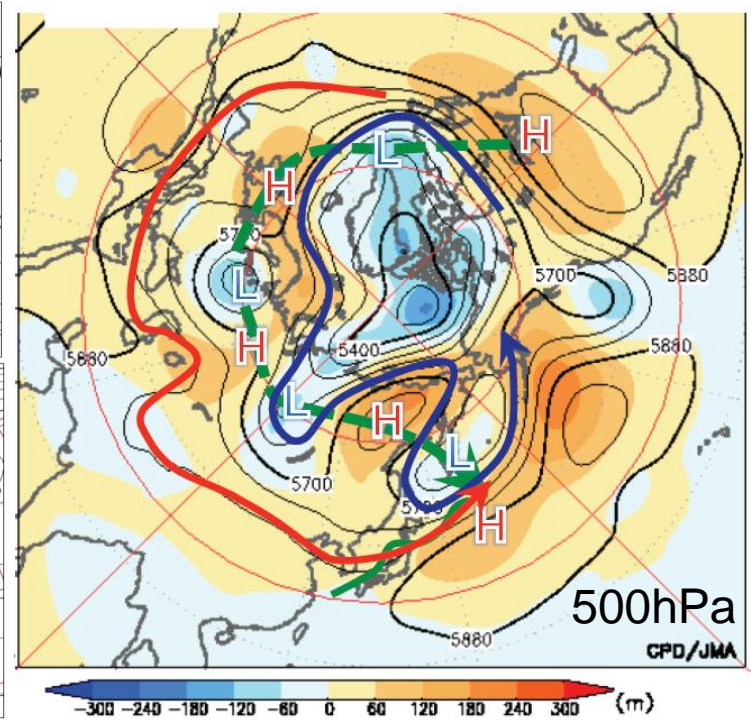


Top 5 Floods by Typhoons and Frontal Activities.

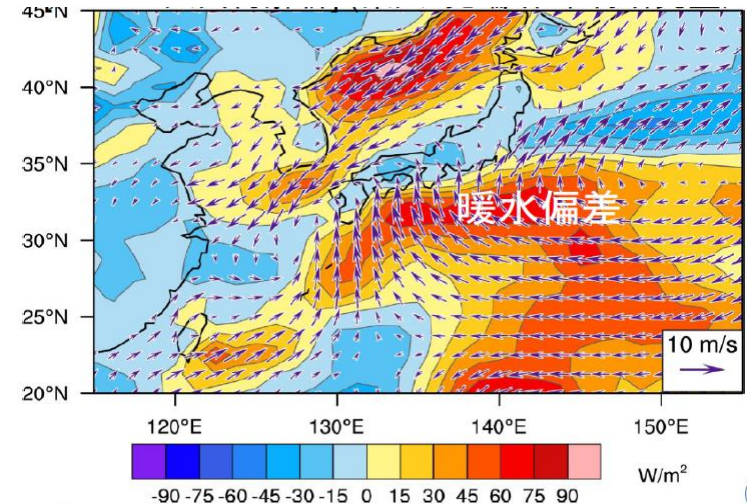




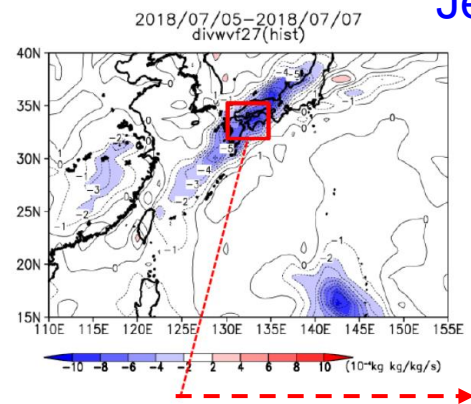
Anomalous Long Stay of Active Frontal Line.



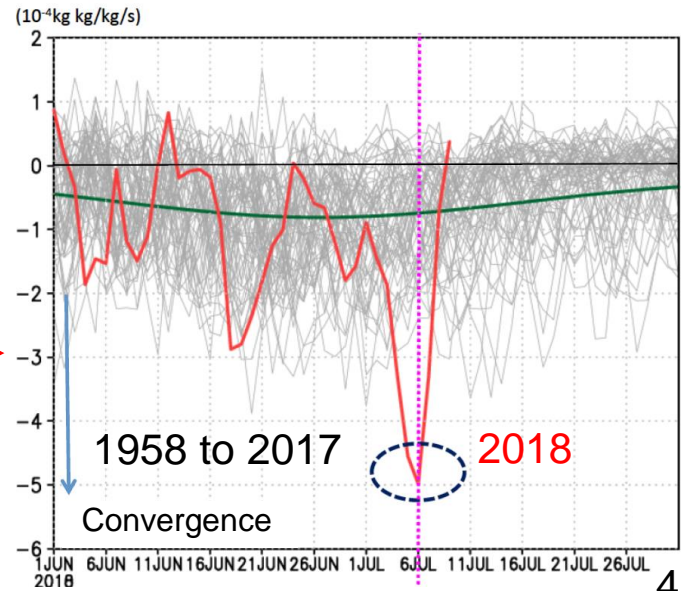
Anomalous Patterns of the Polar Jet and the Sub-tropical Jet.



Anomalous Evaporation and Wind from the Northern and Southern Anti-cyclones .



The Strongest Water Vapor Convergence since 1958.



by courtesy Prof. H. Nakamura, U-Tokyo.

# Recurrent Water-related Disasters in Japan

## Events and Countermeasures

Oct., 2013

Izu Ōshima Island (Sediment)

- 824mm/24hrs (Typhoon)
- Human Loss: 39
- *evacuation warning*

Aug., 2014

Hiroshima City (Sediment)

- 121mm/hr (Typhoon, Frontal Line)
- Human Loss: 74
- *evacuation warning, land use*

Sep., 2015

Kanto & Tohoku (Bank Breach)

- 551mm/24hrs (Typhoons)
- Human Loss: 8
- *evacuated by helicopter: 1339 and by boat: 2919*

Aug., 2016

Hokkaido & Tohoku (Bank Breach and Sediment)

- 251mm/72hrs (Typhoons)
- Human Loss: 27
- *evacuation of physical handicaps*
- *local socio-economic impact*

June, 2017

Northern Kyushu (Sediment)

- 299mm/6hrs (Frontal Line)
- Human Loss: 42
- *sediment and flood complex*



Nov., 2014

Amendment: Sediment Disasters Prevention Act

Jan., 2015:

Policy Vision: Disaster Prevention and Mitigation against a New Stage

May, 2015

Amendment: Flood Risk Management Act

- Probable Maximum Rainfall for Life-Saving

Dec., 2015

Policy Vision: Rebuilding Flood-Conscious Societies: Class A Rivers

- Raising public awareness
- Structural measures for crisis management

Jan., 2017

Policy Vision: Rebuilding Flood-Conscious Societies: Class B Rivers

- Life-saving of physical handicaps
- Local socio-economical continuity

May, 2017

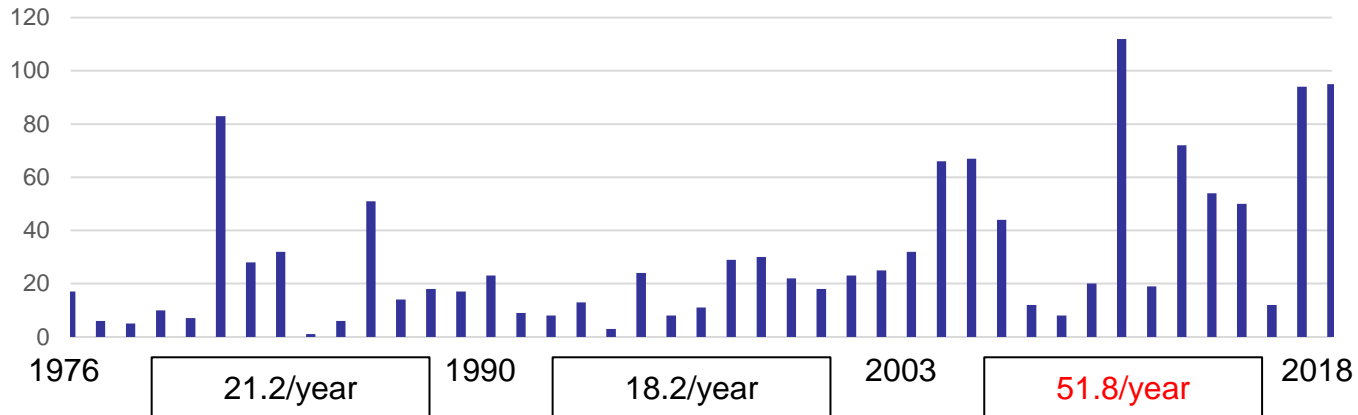
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- Joint Stakeholder Committee for FRR
- Evacuation planning and drilling for handicap-accessible facilities
- Recovery by the national government

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## Changing Hazards

Number of rain gauge stations where the historical maximum 24hrs rainfall were updated in each year.

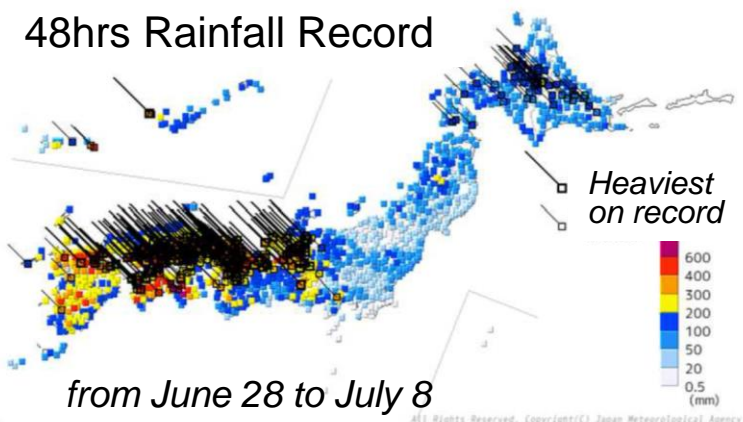


Torrential heavy rainfall happens everywhere more frequently. No exceptions. The areas where have not experienced heavy rainfall are likely to be seriously damaged.

The June 2018 floods raised two new issues:

- 1) Simultaneous events in the wider area.
- 2) Longer duration.

### 48hrs Rainfall Record



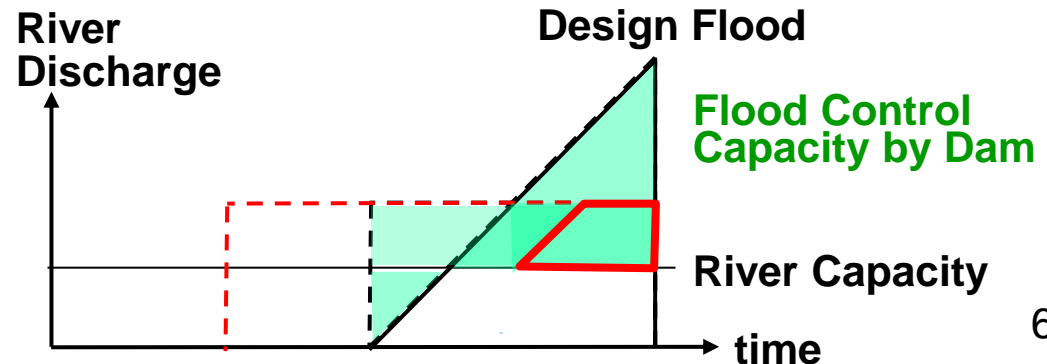
River Discharge

Design Flood

Flood Control Capacity by Dam

River Capacity

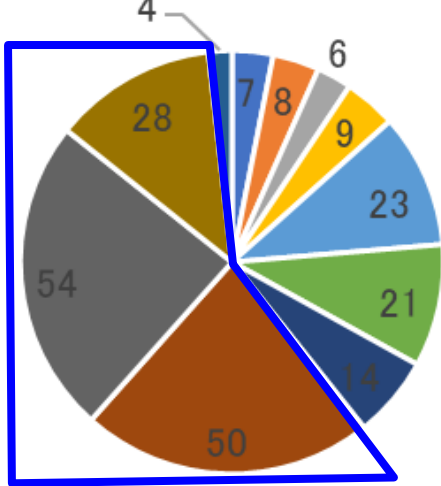
time



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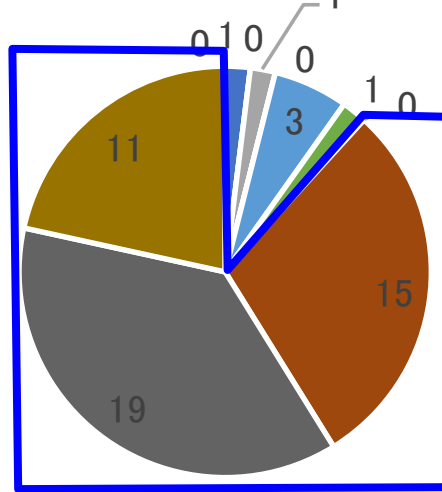
Changing Society

Nation-wide (224)

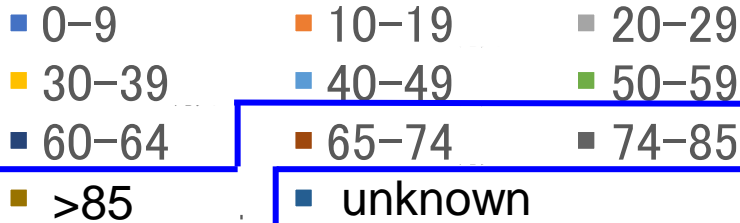


58.9% ≥ 65

Mabi (51)



88.2% ≥ 65



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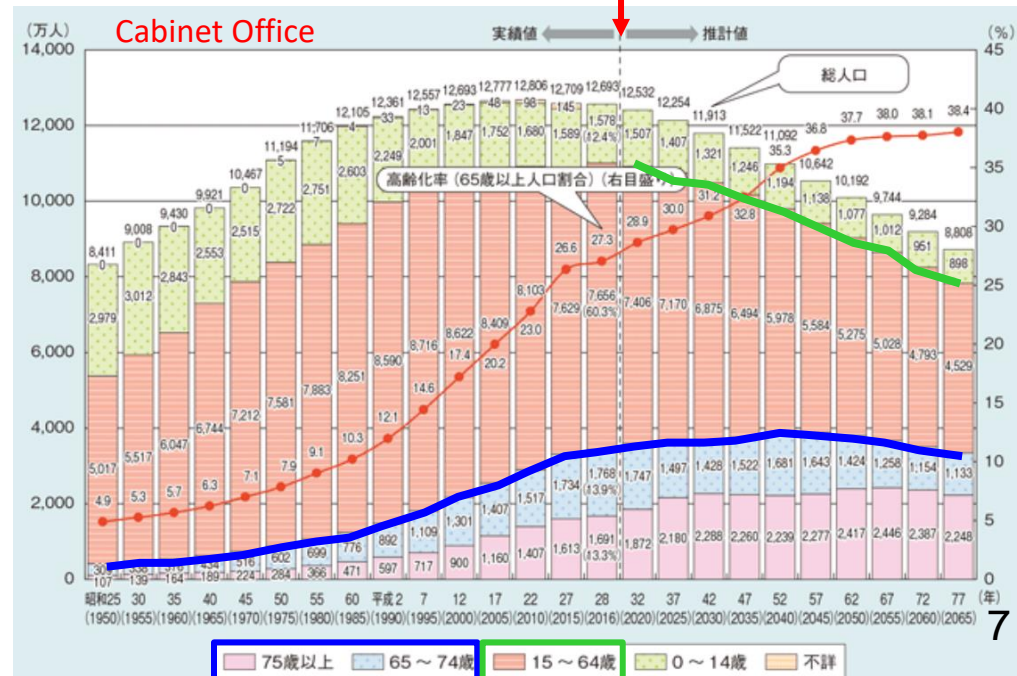


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Flood Levee Breach

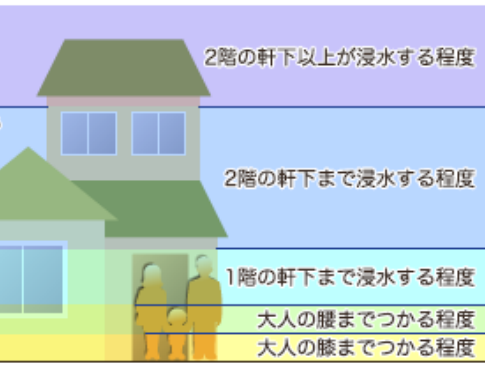
## Rapid Aging:

- increase of the number of those who should be supported.
- decrease of the number of those who can support.

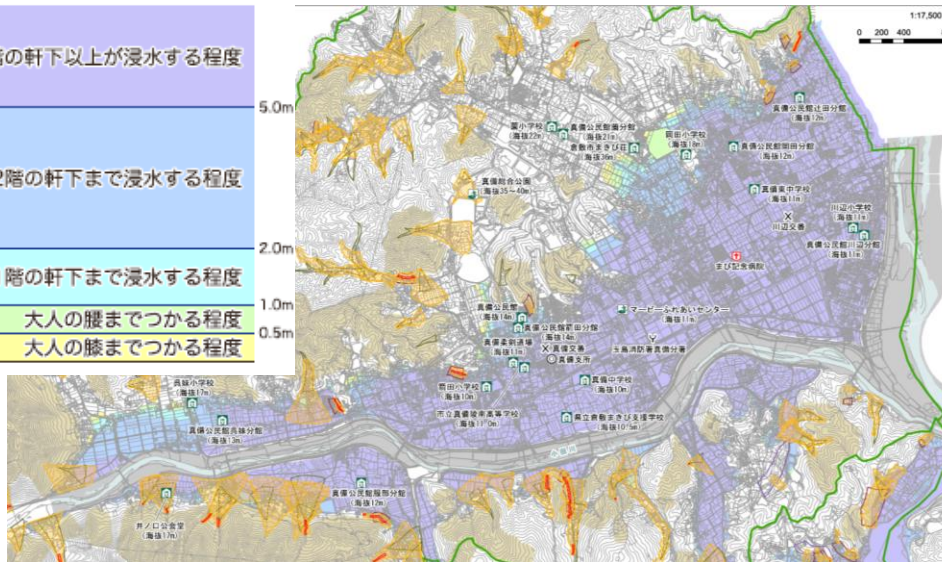


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Flood Hazard Map



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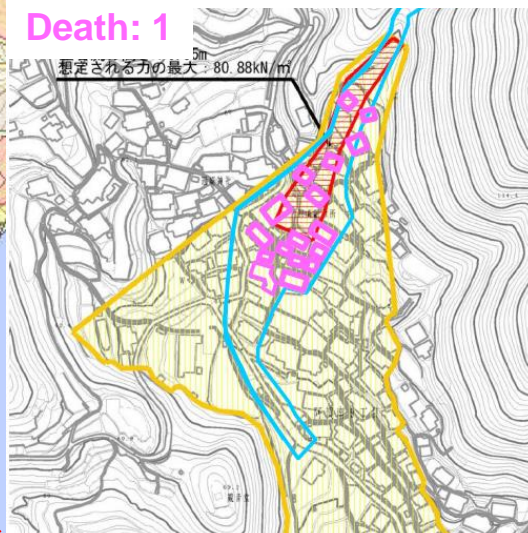
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Sediment Disaster Prevention Act  
special alert area: **red zone**  
alert area: **yellow zone**

Risk has been informed but not recognized.



Fully Collapsed: 17 houses  
Death: 1



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Debris Flow



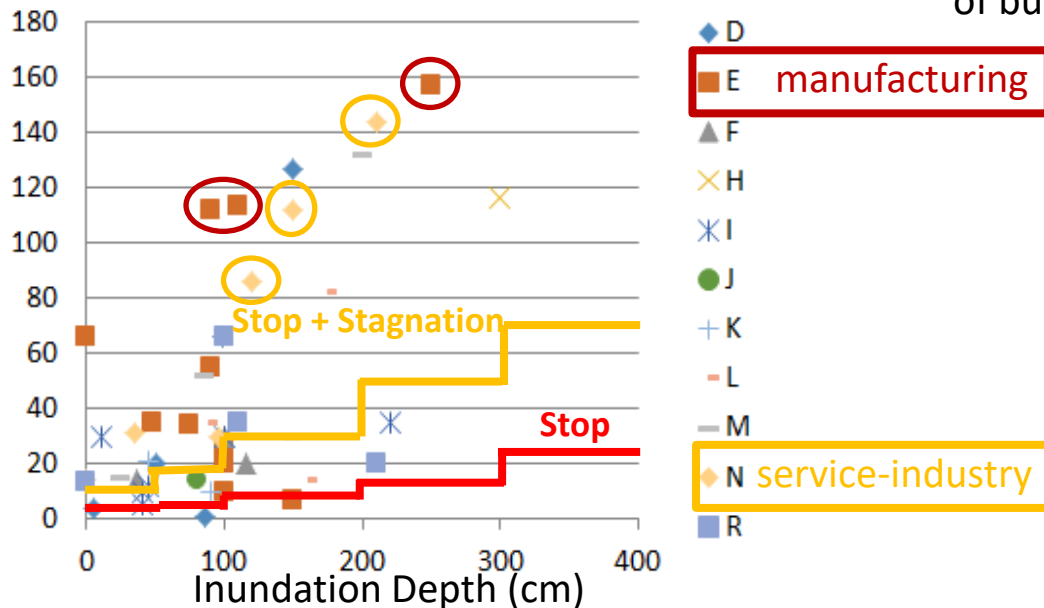
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Direct Damage of the Western Japan Floods: ~10 Billion USD (QE)  
(the largest damage on record since 1961)

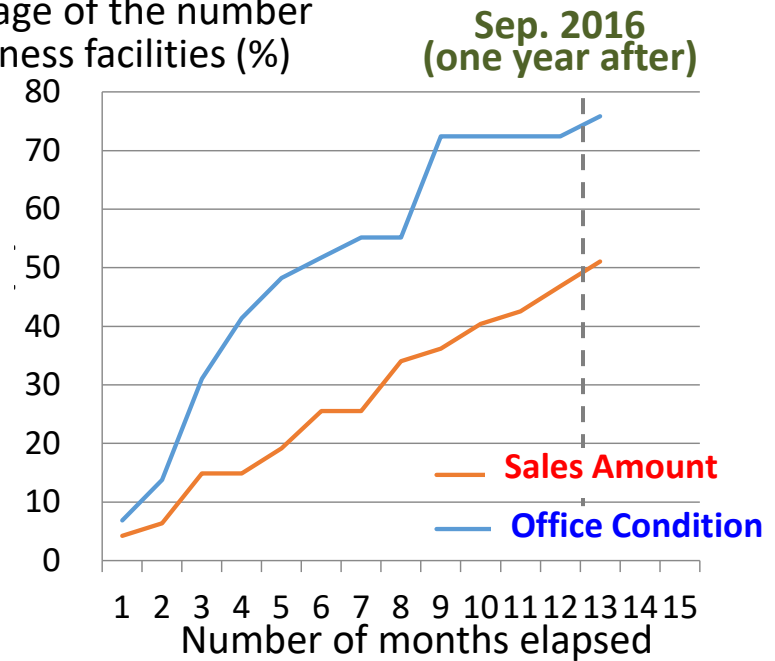
*A follow-up survey of the Kanto-Tohoku Floods by courtesy Dr. M. Ohara, ICHARM*

Number of days for full recovery



Number of days for full recovery and inundation depth

Percentage of the number of business facilities (%)

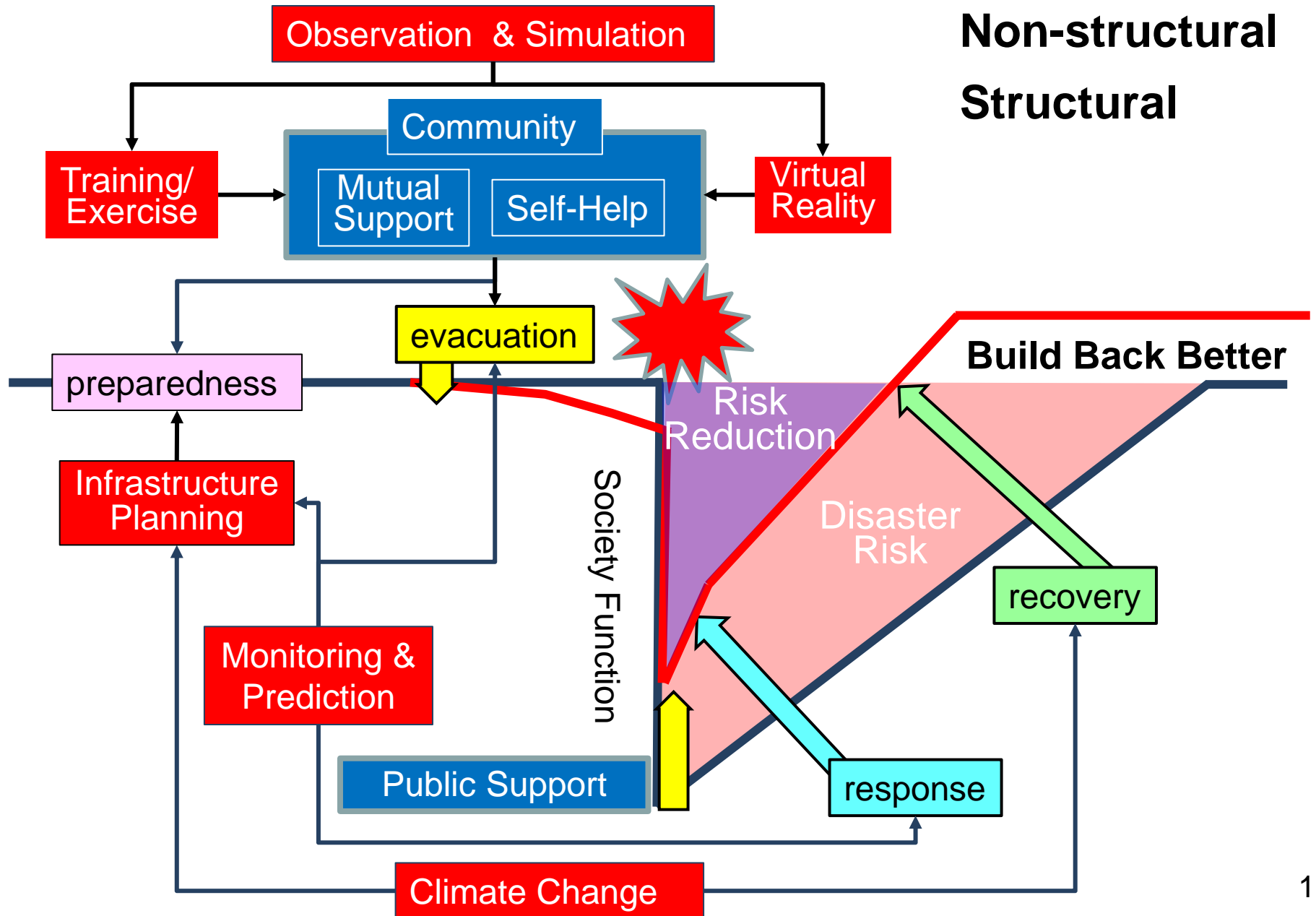


How long does it take to recover fully?

Can we recover fully from the devastating water-related disasters?

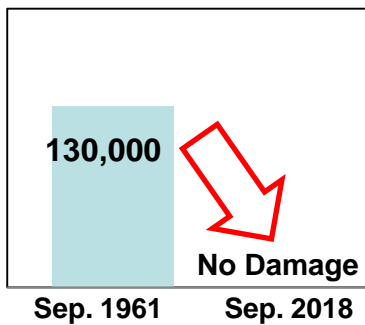
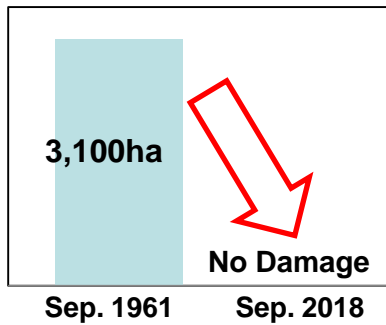
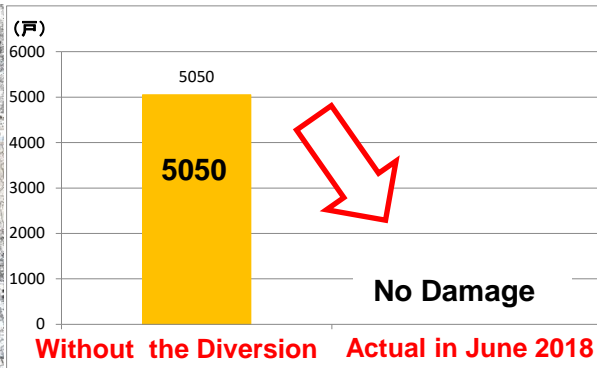
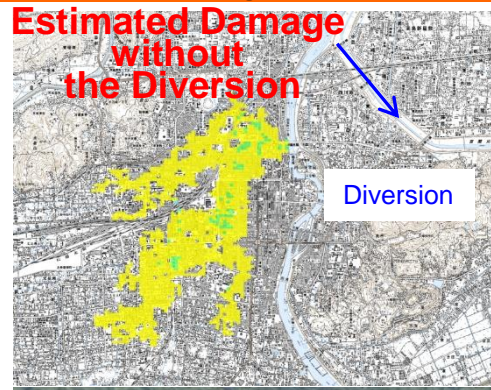
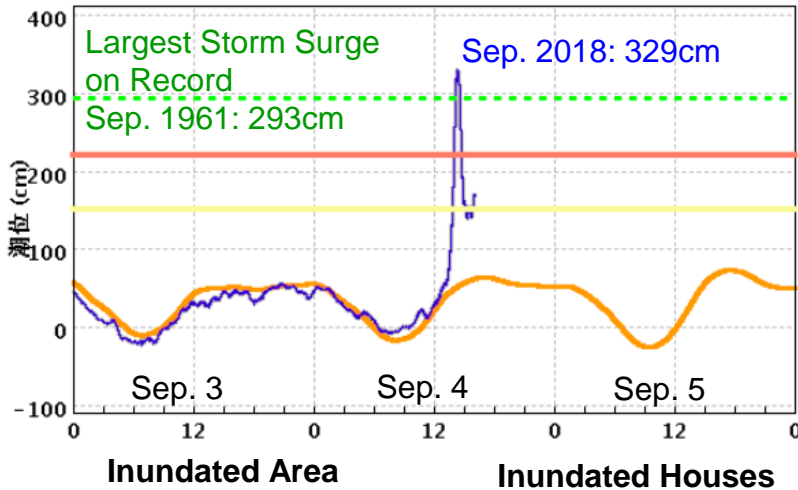
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## Our Challenges



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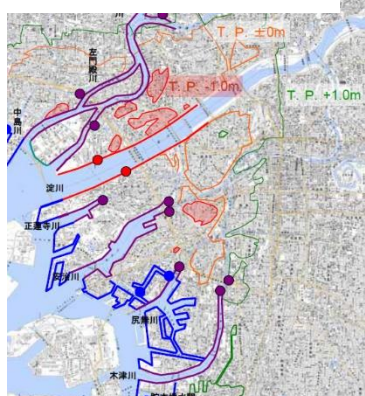
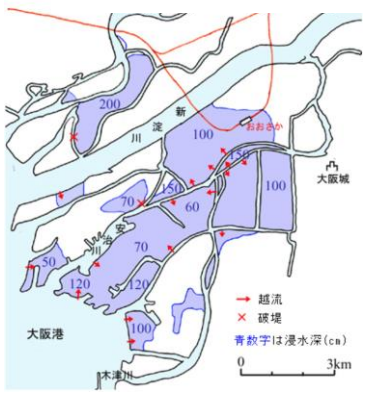
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Kumano-cho Hiroshima Pref.  
Western Japan Floods  
in June 2018



Infrastructure Investment Effect: 170Billion USD



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### HEADLINE RECOMMENDATION

Shift focus of disaster management from response to **preparedness and resilience**.

- Political leadership
- Dialogue and community-based practices
- Long-term Planning
- Financing for and investment in water-related DRR to be doubled within the next five years.
- Integration of science and policy including higher education
- Biannual Special Thematic Sessions on Water and Disaster



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WATER



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by High-Level Panel on Water  
on March 14, 2018



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