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MATTER OF FACT: Never to Forget



January 17th marks 15 years since the Great Hanshin Earthquake struck Western Japan, claiming 6,434 lives. The cosmopolitan city of Kobe took the full force of the quake, and many foreigners were among the victims. One of the crucial lessons of the disaster was the importance of making information available in foreign languages. Foreign students who were studying at Kobe University at the time of the quake stressed the point in a book recounting their experiences. They have since set up a website to provide such information. And now, the city of Kobe

and JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) have implemented their own measures to teach foreigners how to respond during earthquakes and other disasters.

Our report looks at the progress of these efforts, through the eyes of foreigners. It includes an interview with a professor from India who is studying disaster and environmental management in Japan.

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(Disaster and Environment Management)

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ASIA BIZ
FORECAST

Mon. 14:30 (UTC)
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Using an extensive network of reporters and correspondents from across the region, this fast-paced, magazine-style program presents the latest in Asia business news and trends.



Japan Biz Cast

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Japan Biz Cast is a magazine-style program that introduces emerging business trends and Japanese products in many fields, ranging from cars, electronics and foodstuffs to fashion and animation.

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