



# Disaster Risk Reduction in Tourism Cases in Japan

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## A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO PREPARE FOR DISASTERS OKINAWA TOURISM CRISIS MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

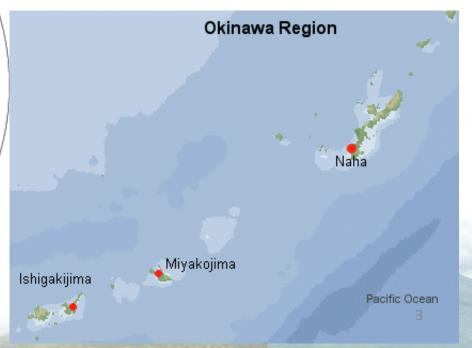


# Okinawa?





Okinawa consists of 160 islands including 49 inhabited islands over a vast ocean area in south-west of Japan's Main Island.







- Tourism is Okinawa's Major Industry
- Annual Tourist Arrival 7.17 Million (FY2014)
- International Tourists Arrival 986,000(FY2014)
- Tourist Expenditure 534 Billion JPY (14.0 % of GDP)
- Tourism related employment 80,000(12 % of total employment)





# Okinawa is prone to natural disasters

#### Typhoons



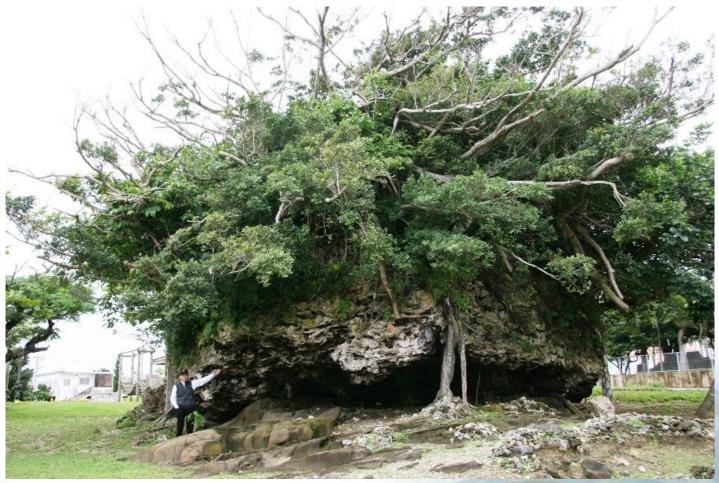






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#### Tsunami: Tsunami rock







### **DRR in Tourism Sector**

## **Disasters and Crises**

Natural disasters Perceptional/reputation crises Health crises (SARS, epidemics) Geopolitical tension Economic downturn, etc.

Major negative impact on tourism in Okinawa

Being a safe and secure destination from diverse crises is a competitive advantage from its competitors and thus contributes to the sustainable development of tourism in Okinawa.





### Consultation

Workshops for the Individual Destinations and Businesses Participation: 200 public/private organizations participated in total 87 workshops



Examining evacuation routes based on disaster preparedness maps



A scene from the workshop



#### Education



#### Seminars and Symposia to Raise Awareness of Tourism Crisis Management



Communication seminar (Miyako-jima Island)



Tourism crisis management seminar (Nago City)



Okinawa Tourism Crisis Management Symposium 2013 (Okinawa Convention Center) 9



#### Information Sea Level Elevation Signboards





Busenazaki area

Tourist facilities (Yomitan Village)

Kariyushi Beach area





#### **Information Tools**



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#### **Okinawa Tourist Safety Guide**

## What to do in a **Major Earthquake**



#### If you are in a hotel

- Stay away from furniture and glass windows, keep yourself low and protect your head from falling objects.
- Do not rush outside. Falling pieces of glasses and tiles may hit you outside.
- Open the door of your guest room to secure your evacuation route.
- Stay there until the shakes are over. Then, follow the instruction of hotel staff.

#### If you are outdoors

- Crouch on the ground and protect your head from falling objects.
- Stay away from block walls, cliffs, coast, rivers and narrow roads.
- ·Run to a nearby open space.

#### If you are driving

of the road. Turn off the motor.

- Wait inside the car until the major shakes are over,
- Turn on the radio for emergency information.

Slow down and park your car on the shoulder

Do not lock the doors, with your key inside, when you leave the car.

#### Tsunami

 Beware of tsunami; a tsunami may follow a major earthquake. If you are driving on the coast or near a river, make a shelter to a higher ground or a tall building.



## Tourism crisis management point and speak phrase cards





### Leaders Train the Trainers











Okinawa Tourism Crisis Management Plan

4Rs

Contents of the Plan

- I. Rationale and Purpose of the Plan
- II. Tourism Crisis Response Team
- III. Reduction of the Impact
- IV. Readiness to Respond
- V. Response to Crises
- VI. Recovery from Crises
- VII. For Effective Implementation of the Plan





**Okinawa Tourism Crisis Management Plan** 

- III. Reduction of the Impact
- Earthquake-resistant buildings
- Evacuation sign boards
- Early warning of disaster risks
- Educating relevant organizations and citizens





Okinawa Tourism Crisis Management Plan

## IV. Readiness to Respond

- Crisis management plan/manuals at multiple levels throughout the tourism sector.
- Training and drills based on the plans
- Emergency information dissemination
- Emergency communication with visitors, especially those who need support in evacuation
- Stock of water, food, daily necessities for visitors





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## V. Response to Crises

- Activation of tourism crisis management team
- Rapid collection/dissemination of crisis information
- Evacuation and identification of the evacuees
- Care for the affected visitors and their families including support for their home-bound trip
- Medical care for the injured/infected visitors
- Provision of water, food and necessities to the visitor evacuees
- Rapid and accurate information to minimize perception crises

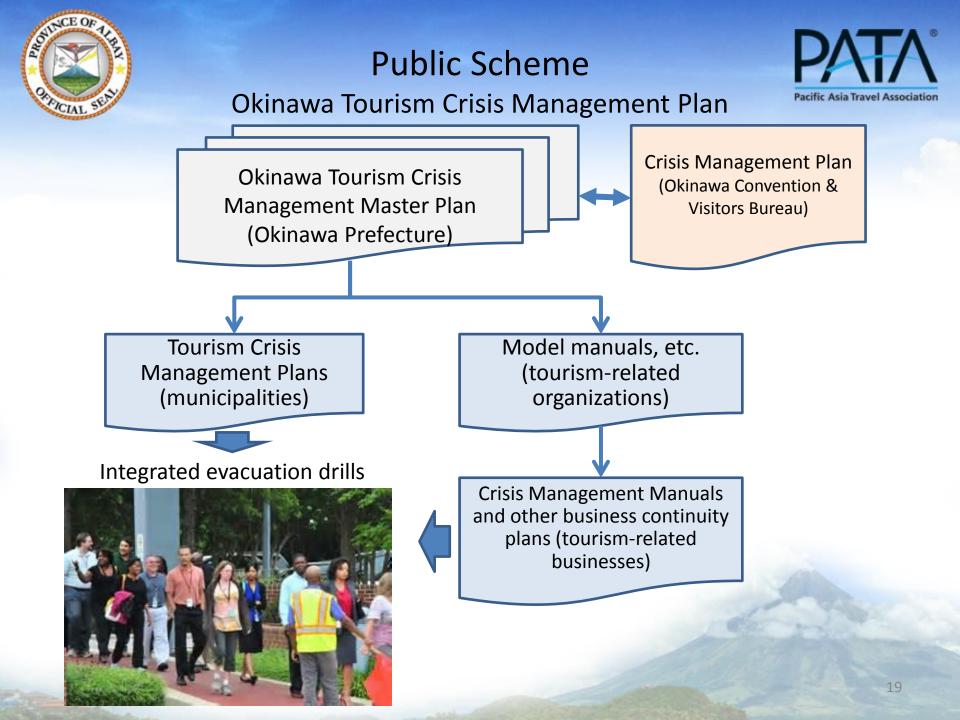




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## VI. Recovery from Crises

- Activation of recovery team
- Cooperation with relevant organizations for the recovery of the destination
- Implementation of recovery plan
- Countermeasures to the reputation crises
- Financial support for business continuity
- Support to retain employment in the affected destination







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