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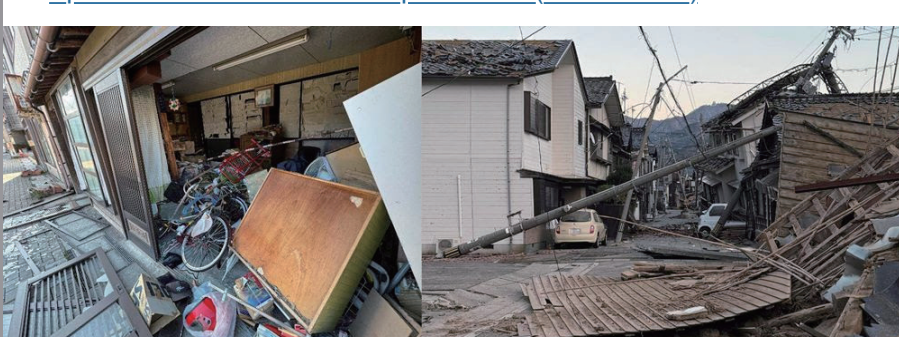
[The Nippon Foundation News] January 1 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

A magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck Japan's Noto Peninsula and nearby areas on January 1, 2024. As of this writing, more than 200 people have lost their lives and over 100 people are listed as missing. In addition to aftershocks, relief efforts have been made even more challenging by rain and snow that the region has been experiencing over the days since the initial earthquake struck. The Nippon Foundation would like to extend its deepest condolences to all who have been affected by this disaster. We are working to provide swift, necessary support to areas that have been damaged, including emergency support to people in affected areas and support for the activities of NGOs involved in the relief effort.

We have already (as of January 10) delivered 2,000 liters of kerosene, 1,000 liters of diesel fuel, and two power generators to the city of Wajima in Ishikawa Prefecture, where the damage was most severe. Going forward, we plan to provide additional generators and fuel as well as portable showers and sinks, and we have also arranged for heavy-duty vehicles to transport goods as needed.

To facilitate these efforts, we are asking for donations to the Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness. The entire amount of donations received will go to relief efforts; donations will not be used for the Foundation's administrative expenses.

Donations can be made using the following link
[Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness \(external site\)](#)



Scenes from the city of Wajima following the January 1 earthquake (photographs provided by Human Shield Kobe)

For more information regarding the Foundation's support for disaster recovery and the Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness, please click on the following links.

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Response to January 1 Noto Peninsula Earthquake and Request for Donations

The Nippon Foundation would like to extend its deepest condolences to all who have been affected by the magnitude 7.6 earthquake that struck Japan's Noto Peninsula and nearby areas on January 1, 2024, and their families. We are working to provide swift support as needed to areas that have been damaged, including emergency support to people in affected areas and support for the activities of NGOs involved in the relief effort. We are also asking for donations to the Special Fund for Disaster Preparedness to support this effort.

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Expanding Children's Potential

Using Minecraft to teach initiative, creativity, and inquisitiveness

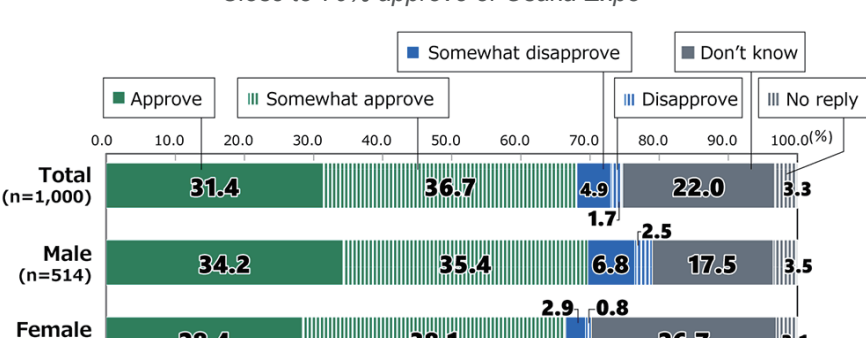


To address disparities that are emerging in digital education, The Nippon Foundation is working to create an environment in which as many children as possible can have access to digital tools and learn in a fun and effective way. One of those activities is support for the Minecraft Cup. Minecraft is a digital version of a building block game in which players create their own buildings, gardens, and other objects in a building block world, and the Minecraft Cup is a competition in which players compete based on the worlds they create.

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Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds – Expo, Water Release, Illegal Activities

Close to 70% approve of Osaka Expo



The 59th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in October of the awareness young people's views on the Osaka Expo to be held in 2025 and Japan's release of treated wastewater from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, and also asked about their personal experiences with illegal drugs and other activities. The survey found that close to 70% of respondents "Approve" of the holding of the Osaka Expo, and while close to 60% of respondents "Approved" of the release of treated wastewater, roughly 40% also said the government's explanation was "Insufficient."

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