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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS #1

Hi everyone! It's time for Info Mie, I'm your host Ahkey Liao from the International Affairs Office.

1st of September, it was the day when a huge earthquake with a magnitude of 7.9 on the Richter scale, hit the area around Tokyo, claiming many lives and causing fires that went on for days destroying lots of property. Since then, the 1st of September was designated to be "Disaster Prevention Day" which brings us to today's very important topic, "Disaster Preparedness."

Let's assume an earthquake occurred while you were onboard a train or bus. What do you do then? If standing, hold on to the hanging hand straps to avoid being tossed out. If seated, take the brace position; that is, bend forward, lower your head and tightly hold onto your legs. Watch out for sudden stops and follow evacuation instructions from the vehicle staff.

What if an earthquake occurs when you're driving? First and foremost, avoid hitting the brakes suddenly. Instead slowly pullover to the left side of the road and turn off the engine once your car comes to a stop. Stay in the car until the quake stop. Turn on your car stereo so that you're in touch with the latest news. If you realize from the news that it would be difficult to move by vehicle, switch off your engine completely and walk home leaving your car keys inserted in the ignition switch to allow emergency and rescue operators to move your vehicle out of the way if needed. Don't forget to leave your doors unlocked when leaving your vehicle.

Join us for our program next week, where we will talk about a Help Station that is set up to assist individuals get to their destinations safely in the event of a disaster occurrence.

Let's put disasters aside till next week and end today's program with some good news. Are you about to finish junior high? Would you like to continue with your education? Are you experiencing financial difficulty? If your answers to the three questions were all yes then this message is for you. There are interest-free student loans, better

known as “shogakukin” available for students who wish to enter senior high or professional school but are unable to because of financial strain. “Shogakukin” in Japan is divided into two categories; scholarship type and student loan type. The “shougakukin” available this coming financial year is the student loan type and is repayable within 10 years of receiving the last installment. Applications for this golden opportunity to further your education are open throughout September. Be sure to contact your current Junior high school for further information.

That’s all for our program today. Thanks for listening. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact the Mie International Exchange Foundation at tel 059-223-5006, 059-223-5006. You can also e-mail us on mief@mief.or.jp. Otherwise, by for now!