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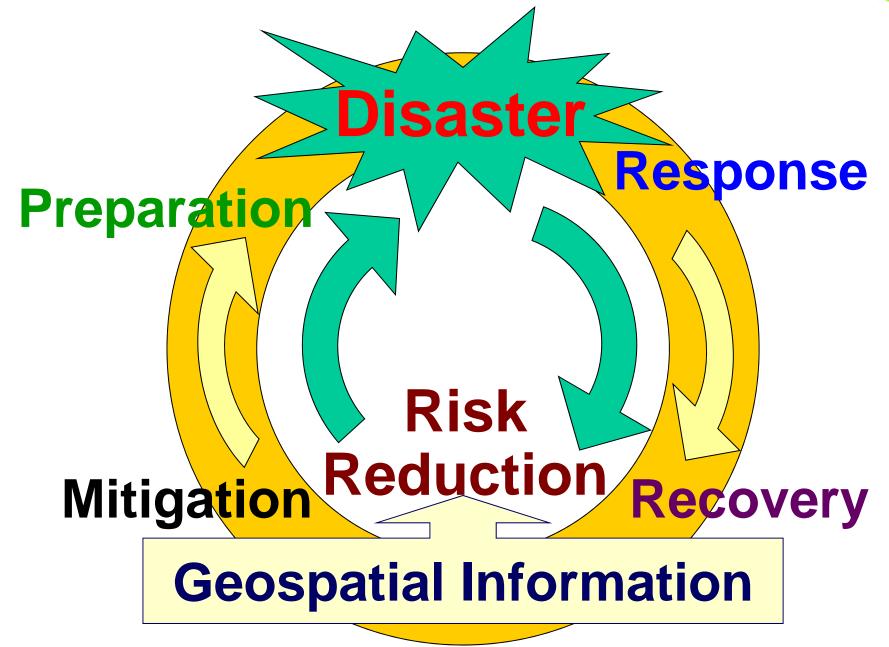
The Role of Geospatial Information in Disaster Risk Reduction

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Disaster losses are increasing

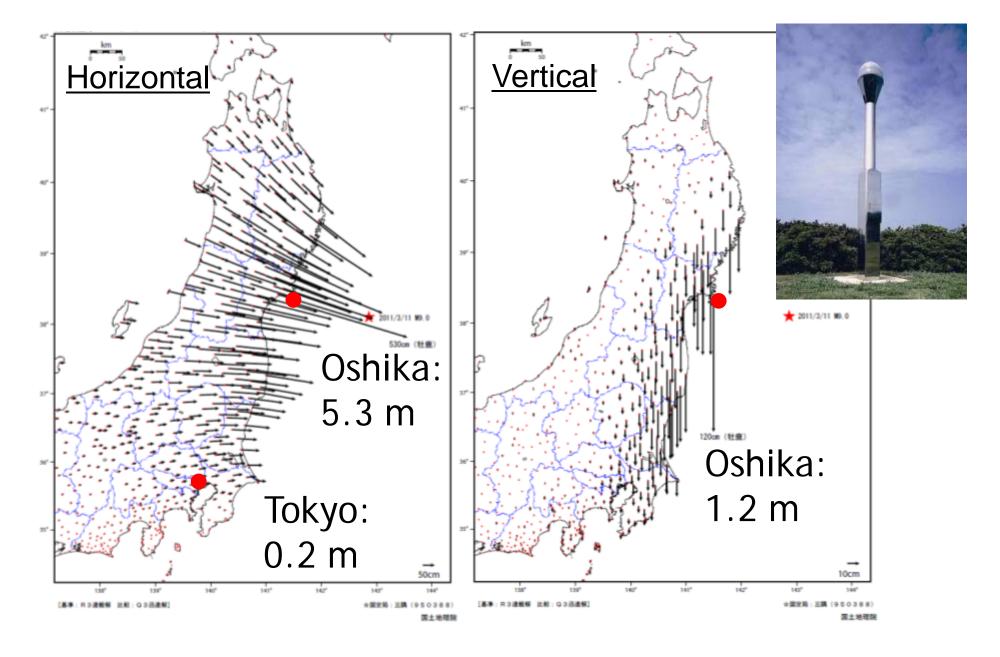








GNSS monitoring visualizes ground movement





Air photos clearly show disaster impact





Amendment to Basic Act for Disaster Countermeasures in Japan

- To protect land and property of the country/people from hazards by making necessary institutional arrangements and other measures including financial provisions
- 24 designated organizations including
 Geospatial Information Authority of Japan are
 Mandated to gather and share information on
 disasters, while maximizing the use of
 geospatial information.

Amended after 3.11 Earthquake

Conclusions of Chengdu Forum

 "Geospatial information has a vital role to play in all phases of hazard and disaster risk management and reduction, and it extends the ability for nations to not only map their geography and topography, but also those areas that are vulnerable to natural hazards, particularly in urban environments."



We all know, but do they know?



Geospatial Information Community



Disaster Risk Management Community

The Hyogo Framework for Action(HFA)

- The first UN official plan to explain, describe and detail the work that is required from all different sectors and actors to reduce disaster losses.
- Came out from 2nd WCDRR in 2005.
- Its goal is to substantially reduce disaster losses by 2015 by building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.

Relevant descriptions in HFA

 "Develop, update periodically and widely disseminate risk maps and related information to decision makers, the general public and communities at risk in appropriate format."

Relevant descriptions in HFA

- "Promote the application of in situ and spacebased earth observations, space technologies, remote sensing, geographic information systems, hazard modelling and prediction,..."
- "Promote the use, application and affordability of recent information, communication and space-based technologies and relevant services, as well as earth observations, ..."

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About the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from 14 to 18 March 2015 in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. Several thousand participants are expected, including at related events linked to the World Conference under the umbrella of building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters.

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution for 2013 on International Strategy for Disaster Reduction states that the World Conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking, and action-oriented outcome document and will have the following objectives:

- To complete assessment and review of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;
- O To consider the experience gained through the regional and national strategies/institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and their recommendations as well as relevant regional agreements within the implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action;
- To adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;
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The Co-Chairs' Zero Draft Released

- The co-chairs of the Preparatory
 Committee for the 3rd UN WCDRR
 have released the zero draft of the post 2015 framework for disaster risk
 reduction;
- http://www.wcdrr.org/preparatory/post2015

Current Zero Draft

- No reference on "geospatial information" nor "geographic location".
- The words "risk mapping" and "geographic information systems" no longer exist.



Take actions toward 3rd WCDRR in Sendai

Participants of this Forum are recommended to take actions to convince disaster risk reduction policy makers and diplomats who participate in WCDRR and its preparation process through your governments and relevant organizations.

It's NOW or NEVER!