### Chapter 2 Basic principles of disaster management policy - Thorough pursuit of "disaster reduction" in all areas of disaster countermeasures -

### Measures after a disaster strikes
- Be aware that one disaster can trigger other disasters
- Understand and predict the situations to make timely decisions with limited information
- Be aware that all aspects of disaster management, including saving lives, is a competition with time

### Support for disaster victims and recovery/reconstruction
- React with flexibility and agility toward changes in needs
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- Recognizing diversity in disaster affected people
- Aim not only for recovering former state of the disaster areas, but also for the realization of "building back better"
- Consider local characteristics and "local capacities" of recovery/reconstruction in the affected area

### Chapter 3 Future priority issues - Based on the basic principles of disaster management policy-

#### Section 2 Strengthening of disaster response preparedness

**Enhancement and strengthening of disaster response systems**
- The functions of the general disaster management division of the government should be fortified through system enhancements made possible by coordinating with local governments in dispatching and training employees as well as other aspects, and through clarification of roles of the general disaster management division of the government. At the same time, disaster management measures of Japan and its regions should be enhanced through stronger coordination of various disaster prevention divisions within the government, and through enhanced and fortified disaster management drills that contribute to human resource cultivation in, and stronger coalition between, the central and local governments, etc.

**Fundamental improvements should be made as soon as possible so that truly necessary information can be collected for and provided to the Comprehensive Disaster Management Information System.**

**There is a need to become aware of the possibility of compound disasters, to review disaster management plans, etc., and to enhance preparations.**

**Response to nationwide "emergency situation" caused by natural hazards.**
- The scope of emergency measures during emergency disaster situations is currently limited to economic measures, etc., but the need for possible expansion of the scope from the perspectives of supporting stranded victims, maintenance of order, etc., should be deliberated.
- Based on the experience and handling of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the ideal state of allocation of administrative responsibilities, authority, and financial burdens of the central government, prefectures, and municipalities during emergency situations should be deliberated.

### Section 3 Multifaceted efforts to prevent disasters

**Clarity of the basic ideas on disaster management, and collaboration by various actors**
- Basic objectives in disaster management (disaster reduction, self-help, mutual help, public help, etc.) should be legally justified.

**Inheritance and development of the disaster culture**
- Disaster education should be further promoted by reorganizing the content of systematic disaster education in schools, clarifying its positioning in the teaching guidelines, etc.
- Efforts should be made to reflect training results onto disaster management systems and countermeasures by incorporating external evaluations in order to clarify achievement status of training objectives and supporting/engendering awareness/knowledge of present issues.

**Construction of a disaster-resilient nation, regions and communities**
- From the perspective of inducing appropriate selection of places of residence, urban plans and land use plans that take into consideration local disaster risks should be formulated.
- Disaster countermeasures reflecting the latest scientific knowledge
- Investigation and research for elucidation of generation mechanism of Nankai Trough Mega-Earthquake as well as for prediction of earthquake occurrence should be conducted.

### Section 4 Efforts toward prompt and smooth reconstruction

**A legal framework for reconstruction that enables formulation of fundamental policies regarding reconstruction, establishment of a reconstruction headquarters that handles general coordination of measures by relevant administrative bodies, etc. should be prepared.**

**Regarding the special measures taken during the Great East Japan Earthquake, legal measures should be taken so as to enable prompt invocation upon occurrence of a large-scale disaster.**

### Section 5 Establishment of the systems to address countermeasures with concerted efforts from across the country
- Each actor should collaborate to their maximum capabilities to create a national movement regarding disaster prevention.