

The Expert Group Meeting on the Great East Japan Earthquake

Report:

**Learning from the Great East
Japan Earthquake**

~ How we survived ~

Kamaishi East Junior High School

Kamaishi City

CHAPTER 1

Mega tsunamis and the damages caused

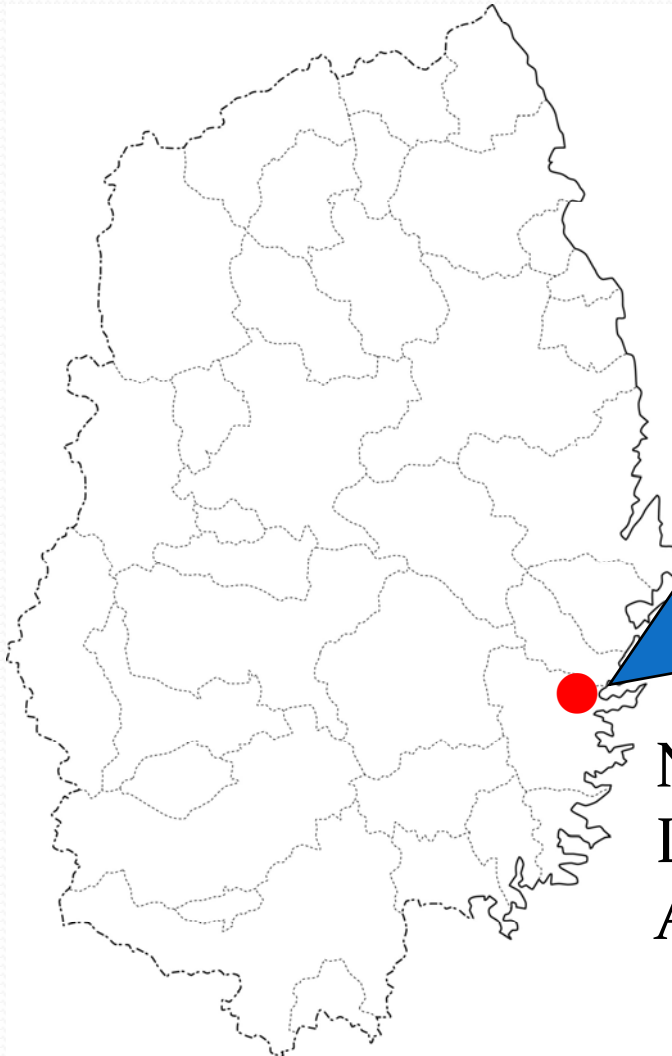


11 March 2011 (Fri)

14:46

**Mega earthquake of
M9.0 occurred off the
Pacific coast**

Location of Kamaishi East Junior High School

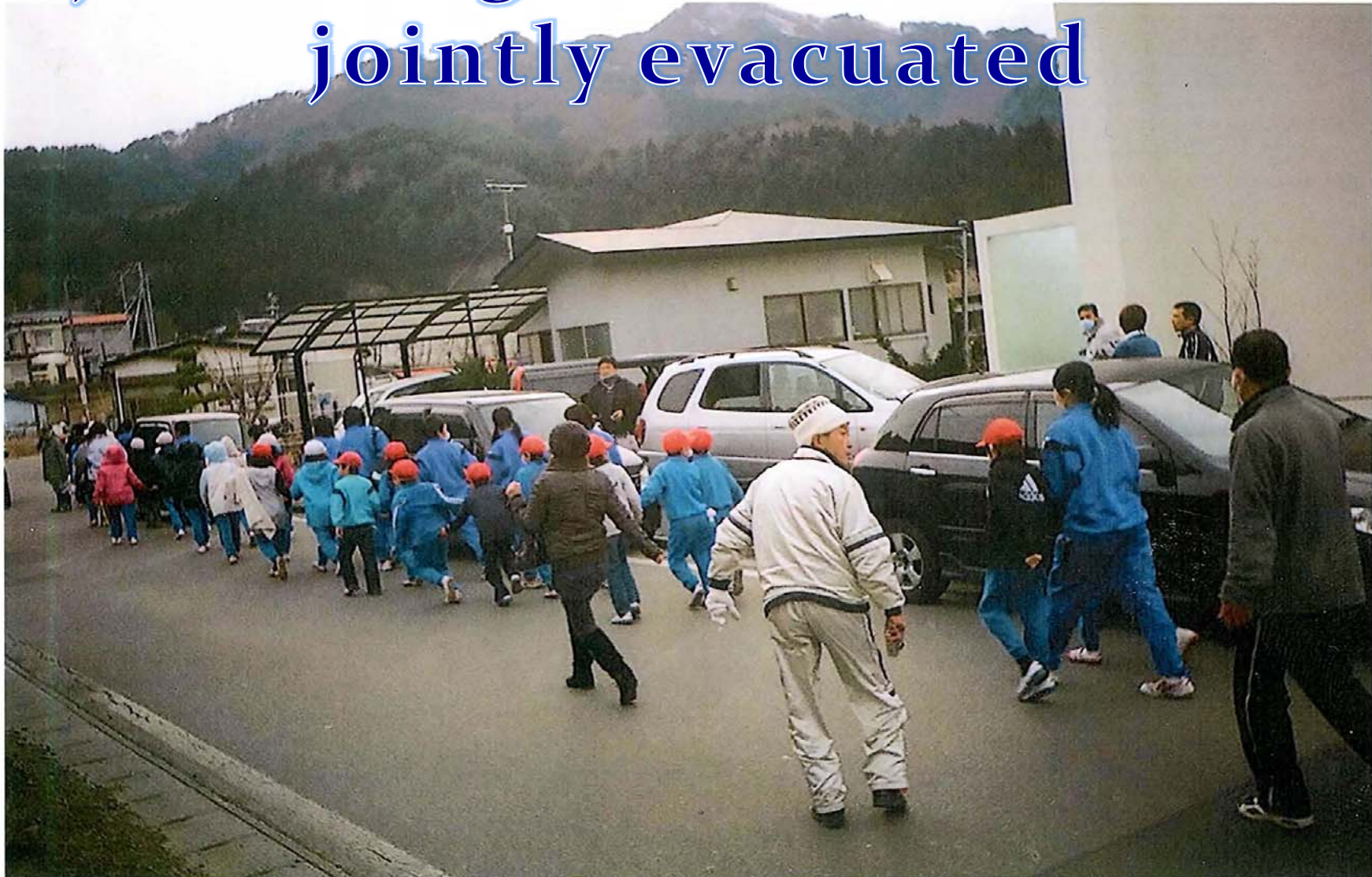


Number of Student: **217**
Located close to Nehama Coast
Adjacent to Unosumai Elementary School

Evacuation: 1st Evacuation Site



Evacuation: Elementary and junior high school students jointly evacuated



Evacuation: Town was attacked by tsunami at 15:17



Tsunami attacking the town

















After the tsunami (Unosumai)



After the tsunami (Ryoishi)



School after the tsunami



Kamaishi East Junior High School after the tsunami



My house was hit by tsunami too



Damages in Kamaishi City

From “Kamaishi” Newsletter August Extra Edition

District	Dead or Missing	Damaged Houses
Kamaishi District	229	1, 485 (106)
Heita District	24	389 (117)
Nakaduma District	27	134 (134)
Kasshi District	14	107 (107)
Kosano District	28	145 (145)
Unosumai District	583	1, 737 (49)
Kurihashi District	7	2 (2)
Touni District	21	377 (31)
Others	181	—
Total	1, 114	4, 376 (691)

※The numbers in () indicate the number of houses damaged by the shaking

CHAPTER 2

How we survived

The School-Wide Disaster Prevention Effort

”EAST-Rescue”

East: 東中生 (East Junior High School Students)

Assist: 手助け

Study: 学習する

Tsunami: 津波

What we are aiming by “EAST-Rescue”

1. Save your own life
2. From “person who is saved” to “person who saves”
3. Passing down of disaster management culture

Elementary School and Junior High School Joint Evacuation Drill



Distributed 1,000 "Anpi Satsu" (Safety Confirmation Cards)



Disaster Management Volunteers "Volunt-east"



Tsunami Skit



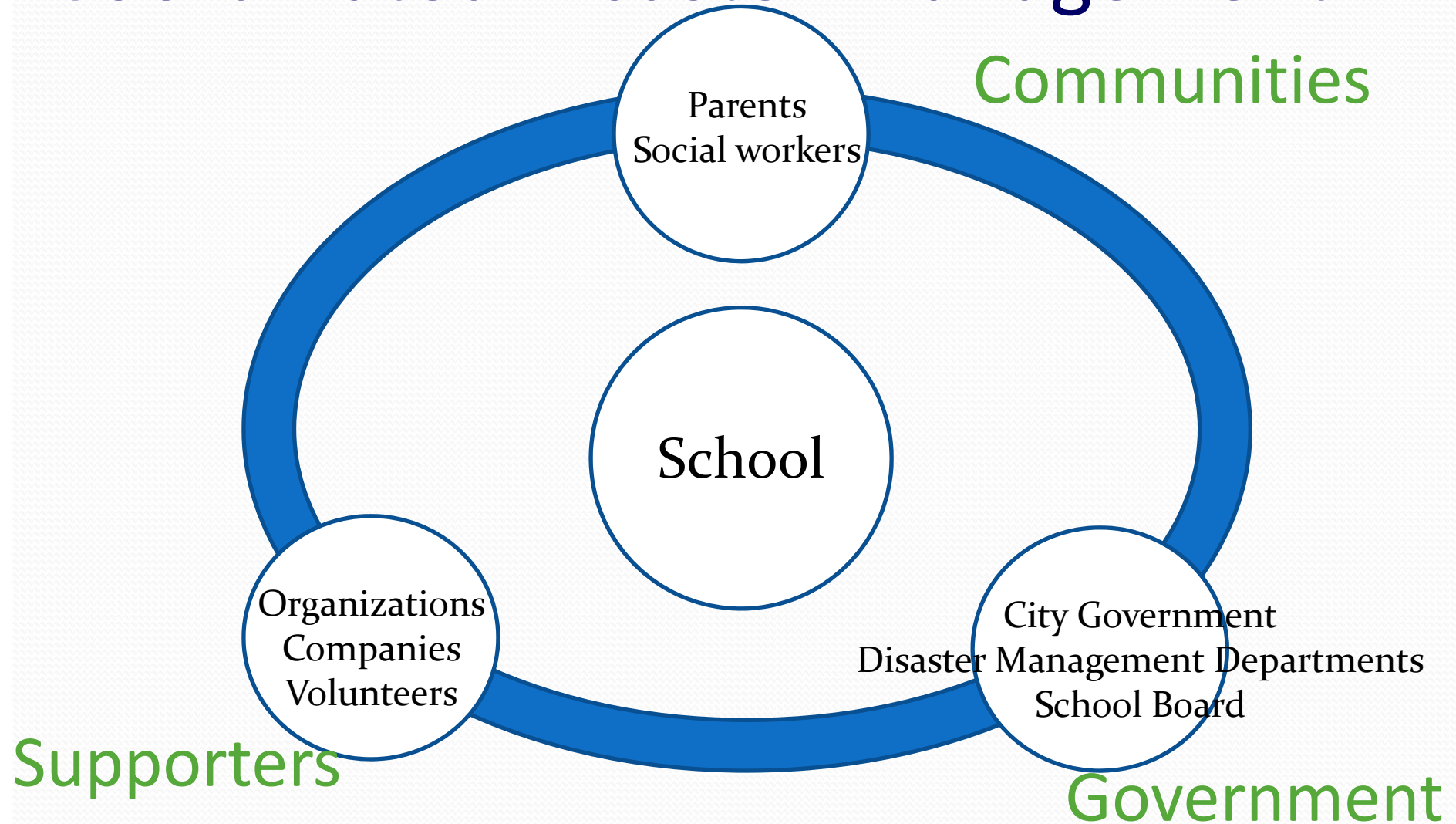
“Tendenko” Rangers

Hero rangers working day and night to spread “Tendenko” (a local dialect for “escaping independently not thinking of anyone else”, which is an old wisdom for saving your own lives from tsunamis) in Japan.



Activities of the rangers can be checked at the following site:
<http://www.police-ch.jp/video/14/006320.php>

Effective Disaster Education Coordinated Disaster Management



**Disaster management taught by elders, lead by adults
and drove by students/children**

CHAPTER 3

and now...

50 to 60 students studying in one classroom



**Never say
“Never”.
If we do it,
we can do it.**



Thank you for your attention



We will continue to persist with smiles, while keeping in our heart the appreciation for this “Kizuna” – the ties created between you and us through this encounter.

Further information on Kamaishi East Junior High School

<http://www.police-ch.jp/video/14/008474.php>

<http://mainichi.jp/select/weathernews/20110311/verification/news/20110812ddm010040009000c.html>

<http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/nn20110604fi.html>