

I 我が国の国土と災害対策の歩み

The Nation and the Progress in Disaster Countermeasures

1 災害を受けやすい国土

日本は、地震や火山活動が活発な環太平洋火山帯に位置しています。日本とその周辺では、世界で起こっている地震のおよそ1割にあたる地震が発生しており、世界の活火山の約7%（※）が日本に存在します。

また、地理的、地形的、気象的諸条件から、地震や津波に加え、台風、豪雨、豪雪等の自然災害が発生しやすい国土となっています。

※日本の活火山数は気象庁、世界の活火山数はスミソニアン協会による。

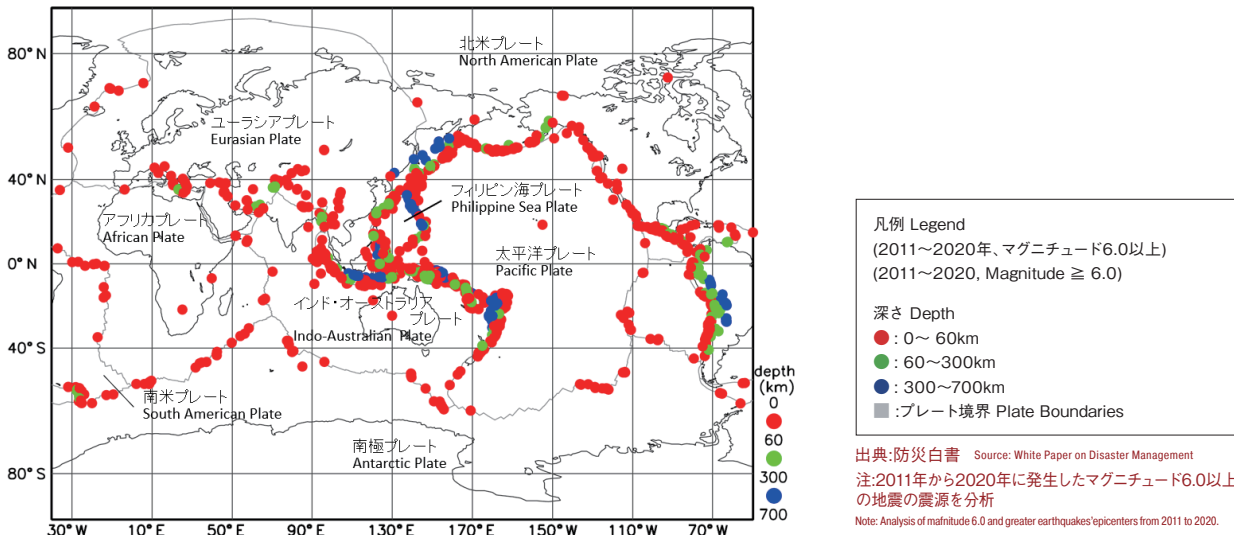
A Disaster-prone Country

Japan is located in the Circum-Pacific Volcanic Belt or "Ring of Fire" where seismic and volcanic activities occur constantly. Japan and its surrounding areas experience roughly a tenth of all earthquakes that occur in the world. Of the world's active volcanoes, 7%* exist in Japan.

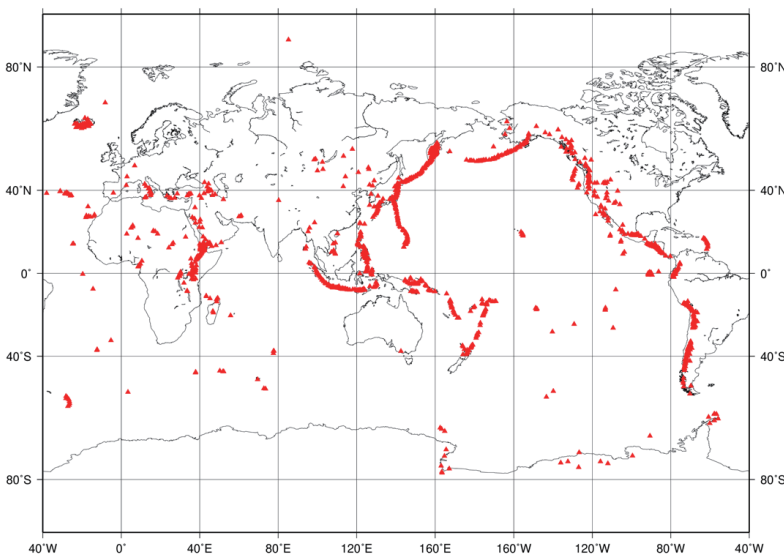
In addition, because of geographical, topographical and meteorological conditions, the country is subject to frequent natural disasters such as typhoons, torrential rains and heavy snowfalls, as well as earthquakes and tsunami.

*The number of active volcanoes in Japan are taken from the Japan Meteorological Agency and that of the world from the Smithsonian Institution.

世界の震源分布とプレート World Geographical Distribution of Hypocenters and Plates



世界の主な火山 Principal Volcanoes in the World



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