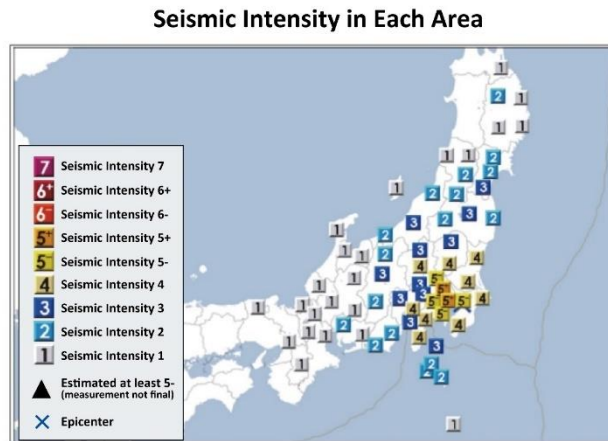


Section 3 Disaster due to Earthquake Centered Off North-West Region of Chiba Prefecture in 2021

(1) Overview

At 10:41 p.m. of October 7, 2021, an earthquake of magnitude 5.9 (provisional figure) occurred at a depth of 75 km (provisional figure) in the north-west region of Chiba Prefecture. The seismic intensity was 5+ in Kawaguchi City and Miyashiro Town in Saitama Prefecture and Adachi Ward in Tokyo, and 5- to 1 in the Tohoku through Kinki regions mainly in the Kanto region.



Source: Japan Meteorological Agency website

(2) Overview of Damage

This earthquake caused 6 seriously injured (3 in Saitama Prefecture, 2 in Chiba Prefecture and 1 in Tokyo) and 44 slightly injured (Source: Fire and Disaster Management Agency information, as of March 25, 2022).

(Reference: <https://www.fdma.go.jp/disaster/info/items/20211007chibakenhokuseibu9.pdf>)

Human Damage (as of March 25, 2022)

■ Human Damage

	Deaths	Major Injuries	Minor Injuries
Ibaraki	0	0	1
Saitama	0	3	10
Chiba	0	2	13
Tokyo	0	1	4
Kanagawa	0	0	16
Total	0	6	44

Source: Prepared by the Cabinet Office from the Fire and Disaster Management Agency website.

The earthquake struck nearing the time of the last train around the Tokyo metropolitan area, and many people were forced to wait in front of stations due to suspension of train operations.

(3) Response by the Government

The government set up an Emergency Response Office in the Prime Minister's Office at 10:43 p.m. of October 7 in 2021. At the same time, Prime Minister Kishida instructed to: (1) "grasp the state of damage immediately," (2) "work in close collaboration with local governments in order to make the best effort for disaster response measures including lifesaving and rescue of affected people" (3) "provide information on evacuation and damage to the public in a timely and accurate manner," and (4) "take thorough measures in order to prevent the spread of damage" (see Annex 14-3).