

## Knowledge of law for surviving disasters

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If the purpose of disaster education is "to avoid losing lives in disasters," I think that the mission of law scholars is to teach the knowledge of legal anti-disaster systems for promoting concrete actions to survive disasters.

What kind of knowledge of law is required for us? What kinds of effects can be expected by grasping legal systems? We can conclude as follows:

1 By understanding what kinds of activities are conducted by the government and municipalities through legal systems, we are encouraged to be involved in disaster policy.

2 By understanding what kinds of duties and roles are imposed on local communities and citizens through legal systems, we can foster the spirit of mutual assistance and self-help.

3 By understanding what kinds of benefits and services are available, we can rebuild our lives swiftly and appropriately after suffering a disaster.

However, there are few cases in which legal anti-disaster systems are focused in disaster education. It is true that the insufficiency of the knowledge of law regarding disaster prevention causes disadvantages to victims. This report discusses some concrete cases.

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