

Field Survey for the Memorial Matters from the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake in Central Kanagawa Prefecture

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Many memorial towers and monuments have been constructed for the heavy toll of life and for the restoration of villages or cities in Southern Kanto district. Death claimed a toll of about 105000 totally from the 1923 Great Kanto earthquake. These towers and monuments must be forever witnesses to the tragedy of the earthquake damage and spokesmen for the victim's dying wish "don't repeat such damages". However, most of them have been already forgotten by the citizens. We thought its sacrilege and must use them for the public education of earthquake disaster prevention. This manuscript is a report on the field survey for the memorial matters from the Great Kanto earthquake in Central Kanagawa Prefecture. The number of the matters is 126. This survey will be continued next two years in Western and Eastern Kanagawa Prefecture.

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