

The reasons why we couldn't avoid the Okawa Elementary School disaster

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March 11, 2011. Fifty minutes after the earthquake off the Pacific coast of Tohoku region, the big tsunami hit the Okawa Elementary School at Ishinomaki city. The victims include 74 students and 10 teachers from that school, as well as 3 students from Okawa Junior High School that had come to take children home and unknown number of Okawa district residents. Only 4 children and 1 teacher survived the catastrophe. It is considered the worst tragedy under the school administration since the establishment of the school system in Meiji Restoration.

The role of Earth Planetary Science will be examined considering the fact that the comprehension about magnitude of those involved in science education is still in the 1960's, and the problem concerning the Okawa Elementary School accident verification committee's investigation, which is predictable and not enough to get to the truth about the tsunami catastrophe.