

Prospect of historical seismology in Japan

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Current historical seismology in Japan is not necessarily prosperous. It is troubled with shortage of researchers, especially younger people. However, it has important tasks of revealing historical seismicity in the Japanese Islands by inferring source region of each historical earthquake three-dimensionally and of analyzing specific historical earthquakes minutely from the viewpoint of certain seismological interests. For the progress in historical seismology, young seismologists are awaited to join in the study and to produce interesting and stimulating results. In order to realizing such situation, construction of data base of the whole historical earthquake documents and preparation of a kind of manual for easy handling of apparently bothering historical documents are necessary.