

Case study of the volcanic ash fall disaster on the newspapers

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The reports about the volcanic ash fall disasters on the newspapers in these one hundred years are selected for the analysis to get the useful information for reducing the volcanic disaster.

The volume of the report about the natural disasters are different from time to time. Especially, quite few description was reported during the war. Before the Second World War, the volcanic ash, deposited on the leaves of a mulberry tree, caused a serious problem for the farmers who had tried to grow up a silkworm to make up the silk, which was one of the most important industries in Japan at that time. The other kind of problems have been caused by the ash fall in the last half a century, including the stop or the delay of the traffics, cut the electricity, stop the water supply, destroy the precision instruments and some others especially in the urban area. One of the most difficult problem is the decrease of the economic activity in the commercial area. It is so hard to get to the shops for the consumers and also it is so hard work to keep all the goods clean at the shops under the dusty condition.

Quite few people were died directly because of the deposition of the ash fall, and few were injured by the traffic accident caused by the slippery thin ash deposit on the road and/or the dusty hazy air condition. Cleaning on the roof is one of the most dangerous works after the deposition of the ash.

The volume of the description about the volcanic ash fall disaster decreased when someone was died at the summit area of the volcano while its activity during one's recreation climb nevertheless many of the farmers on the foot of the volcano suffered the serious disaster by the ash fall deposit.