Development of Participatory Educational Programs in Earthquake Disaster Preparedness for High School Students

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We developed the educational program for disaster risk reduction for high school students. Establishing effective program is very important, because education and knowledge have provided society with vulnerability reduction and life improving self-help strategies. This program is consisted of 2 parts: 1) studying earthquake and its caused disaster from the view of natural science. 2) conducting interviews with victim of local past major disasters, structuring the elements of the interview chronologically and geologically, and reconstructing the episodes from the cluster of the elements, clarifying the survivors’ knowledge and lessons, relating ’measures to protect our lives’, or ’measures to maintain or rebuild our daily life after disaster occurred’. After the training end, the impression ’this training course was very meaningful because I studied human behavior on disaster period, first’ was derived from the high school student who participated.