Field Survey for the Memorial Matters from the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake in Eastern Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan

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Many memorial towers and monuments have been contracted 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 it's sacrilege and must use them for the public education of earthquake disaster prevention. This presentation is a report on the field survey for the memorial matters from the Great Kanto earthquake in Eastern Kanagawa Prefecture. The number of the matters examined is 338. The survey in Central and Western Kanagawa Prefecture had been summarized in the last year and the year before last, respectively.

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