# Safety and Security

# **Technical Emergency Control FORCE**

# **TEC-FORCE** ( Technical Emergency Control Force)

国土交通省 TEC-FORCE

#### It is a group of experts established in the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and each Regional Development Bureau, etc. in order to perform smooth and prompt implementation of technical support for disaster emergency measures such as: prompt grasp of the damage situation carried out by afflicted local government, prevention of occurrence and spread of damage, and early restoration of afflicted areas when a large-scale natural disaster occurs or there is a risk of an occurrence.



## Support for afflicted municipalities

Assembly and disassembly

#### Signed "support at the time of disaster" between Regional Development **Bureau and municipalities**

An agreement is concluded for guick and smooth dispatch of TEC-FORCE, liaison, and machinery for disaster countermeasures in order to prevent damage expansion and secondary disasters, when a disaster occurred in the area of a local government (municipality) or there is a risk of a disaster.

#### Agreement at the time of disaster with various organizations • Construction business continuity plan (construction business BCP)

#### Concluded a disaster agreement between the Regional Development Bureau and various organizations

(Technical support by TEC-FORCE, In response to the occurrence or fear of disasters such as Earthquakes, tsunamis, wind and flood damage, an agreement is concluded in Miyazu City, Kyoto Prefecture) order to prepare system in advance, prompt and smooth emergency response immediately after the disaster, and implementation of emergency no-bid contract construction, etc. against occurrence or risk of etc.

## Promotion of construction business continuity plan (construction BCP) at the time of disaster

For large-scale natural disasters, secondary disaster prevention, emergency response, early restoration and reconstruction of infrastructure are the most important tasks. For this reason, construction companies, etc. need to take measures to mitigate their damage and to strengthen disaster response capabilities for guick returning to normal operations, and Kinki Regional Development Bureau, with expectation that such efforts will be promoted, implements a construction business continuity certification system in the event of a disaster.

#### What is Business Continuity Plan (BCP)?

When a company suffers damage due to a disaster or accident, it is expected to minimize the damage or avoid interruption of the important operations as well as to resume in the shortest possible period. This plan to pursue business continuity is called as "Business Continuity Plan (BCP)."

#### **Current Certified Companies**

This system is established from FY 2012 and certified 646 companies with business continuity capability at the time of disaster (as of March 24 2017).





Surveys of damage situations using a drone (Typhoon No. 10 Torrential Rain in Tohoku in September 2016)





Emergency construction assisted by lighting car Investigation of road damage area (April, 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake)

#### **Major activities**

- Great East Japan Earthquake
- 2.882 people (18.115 person-days in total) from all over the country ◆August, 2014 Landslide occurred in Hiroshima prefecture 439 people from all over the country (2,431 person-days in total)
- August, 2014 Torrential rain disaster occurred in Fukuchiyama city, etc. in Kyoto Prefecture 158 people from all over the country (378 person-days in total) September, 2015 Torrential rain in Kanto and Tohoku
- 826 people from all over the country (2,587 person-days in total) ◆April, 2016 Kumamoto Earthquake
- 2,110 people from all over the country (10,912 person-days in total) Typhoon No. 10 Torrential Rain in Tohoku September, 2016 938 people from all over the country (3,524 person-days in total)

#### Activity content

Dispatch of Information Contact Personnel (Liaison), etc. to Emergency Disaster Response Task Force (TEC-FORCE) and afflicted local government.

- TEC-FORCE activities by the Kinki Regional Development Bureau in 2016
- Kumamoto Earthquake For 30 days from April 15 to May 13, 16 groups comprising 128 members (792 person-days in total) were
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  dispatched by the Kink Regional Development Bureau.
   Seven lighting cars, two satellite communications cars, two disaster headquarters cars and one dismantling-type
  backhoe capable of unmanned operation were dispatched.
   Typhoon No. 10 Torrential Rain in Tohoku
   For 17 days from August 31 to September 16, six groups comprising 44 members (317 person-days in total) were
  dispatched by the Kink Regional Development Bureau.



#### Various training in cooperation with other organizations

In cooperation with administrative organizations as well as disaster prevention organizations such as local governments and public institutions, in order to protect citizens' safety and security from large-scale natural disasters and crisis management events, various kinds of training are implemented.

#### Use daily training results



Implemented training of securing traffic routes for emergency vehicles jointly with police, etc.

Training of removing unattended cars

Emergency drainage training by pumping cars by TEC-FORCE members



Pump car drainage training

## Enhancing observation of localized torrential rain • Accelerating information transmission

Currently, water disasters due to localized torrential rain are increasing, as a countermeasure, high-performance compact radar, capable of high precision and high frequency observation, is developed, which shorten the time for observation data distribution to strengthen the crisis management responsiveness.



Prediction of localized torrential rain and consideration of early detection method will be conducted from the observation data.

# Promotion of development of areas resilient to tsunami disasters

Local governments are supported in order to prevent and reduce future tsunami disasters by implementing a "multiple protection" system that includes structural and non-structural measures for "Development of Areas Resilient to Tsunami Disasters."

# Basic idea for the largest class tsunami

- It is important to take countermeasures based on the concept of "disaster reduction" focusing on minimizing damages.
- Thus, the damage caused by the tsunami shall be reduced as much as possible through structural measures such as coastal conservation facilities.
- For tsunamis exceeding the above, non-structural measures that focus on evacuation, such as the development of hazard maps, shall be emphasized.



In the Kinki region,

- A promotion plan was prepared in March 2015 in Kushimoto Town, Wakayama Prefecture

- Tsunami disaster caution zones were designated in Wakayama Prefecture in April 2016 and in Kyoto Prefecture in March 2017.

### Crisis management and response for large-scale natural disasters such as the huge earthquake and tsunami of the Nankai Trough

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure Transport and Tourism has formulated the "Nankai Trough Earthquake Countermeasures Plan" and "Kinki District Regional Countermeasures Plan" on April 1, 2014 as a response to the occurrence of the Nankai Trough earthquake, and the ministry compiled

