

Challenges of Comprehensive Disaster Assistance for Foreigners Based on Recent Disaster Experience

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The support for foreign residents during the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake is closely related to the revival of the term “multicultural conviviality.” This study aims to assess the actual support for the foreign residents during large-scale disasters, such as the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, the Great East Japan Earthquake, and the Kumamoto Earthquake, through literature survey and interviews. In addition, bearing in mind what kind of support was provided to the foreigners as the disaster response, whether the response was adjusted to their specific needs, and what issues remained, I examine the problem, trying to find solutions for any disaster response problems and evacuation of foreigners in a multicultural society problem, from the perspective of the efforts made by the government, private groups, and foreign residents’ organizations.