

JSSK DISASTER AWARENESS Oct. 16th, and Oct. 18th 2005

With the recent world wide disasters in mind JSSK aimed to encourage members and the public to review the importance of disaster preparedness. The October program was divided in **PART I** and **PART II**.

Supporters were:

Hyogo Prefecture City of Kobe, Radio FM YY (77.8MHz), Takatori Community Center, The Japan-Sweden Society of Kansai (JSSK), Kobe Regatta & Athletic Club (KR&AC), and Kobe City Fire Bureau International Friendship Club (IFC)

PART I

Experiences of Non-Japanese Residents after the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake

***Sunday October 16th 15:00-17:00,
Reception/Small Buffet 17:00-18:30***

Mr. Hibino, Managing Director, FM YY (77.8MHz), Takatori Community Center, showed pictures and explained the situation of foreign residents in the aftermath of the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995. It was particularly difficult for foreign residents to obtain vital information such as finding shelters and available services. Differences in culture, customs and systems also made it difficult. An information network was soon organized and Takatori Community Center continues to support the foreign community as well as the Japanese community by bringing Non-Japanese and Japanese residents together in various projects and international events.

Mr. Nakatani, Director, Higashinada Fire Department, told the story of ***“Inamura no Hi”***, a true story, on how the villagers were saved from a tidal wave. The volunteers from Kobe City Fire Bureau International Friendship Club brought a child’s size fireman’s suit and took pictures. The reception with a small buffet that followed gave participants a good opportunity to ask questions and to get to know each other.

Below are some useful links:

Kobe Living Guide in / languages
<http://www.tcc117.org/kicc/>

Higashinada Ward Office - Earthquake Survival Guide
<http://www.city.kobe.jp/cityoffice/81/e/earth/index.html>

Hyogo Prefecture – Living Guide –
http://www.hyogo-ip.or.jp/livingguide/ml_top/en-top.html (In An Emergency)

PART II Disaster Management Drill
Tuesday October 18th, 14:00-17:00

Important instructions were given on how to use a fire extinguisher, how to safely evacuate a building and how to make 119 emergency calls by Kobe Chuo Ward Fire Department. Instructions on how to give **CPR/AED** were also practiced. Participants were also shown the equipment inside an ambulance and how it is used. A lecture on **Disaster Management** and a **Q&A** session rounded up the program.

