

## Results of civil protection exercises

The Cabinet Secretariat has summarized the achievements and problems of the map exercise for emergency response situations implemented on October 28, 2005 and the civil protection field exercise implemented on November 27, 2005. These are listed below along with findings of a questionnaire survey conducted on the people who took part in the civil protection field exercise.

### 1. Major achievements and problems based on the results of the map exercise for emergency response situations

#### <Achievements>

- Exercise was conducted regarding the national and prefectural governments' comprehensive response measures to cope with emergency response situations.
- Problems in specific business processes, including information processing procedures, were identified.

#### <Problems>

- Qualitative and quantitative improvement of information-communication tools used for communication between relevant institutions is needed.
- Further study is needed on methods of information provision, such as warnings.

#### ※ Exercise for notification of warnings

- In the exercise for notification of warnings using telephone and fax as part of the map exercise, it took 8 minutes on average to send warnings from the Task Force to each prefecture (47 prefectures) and 17 minutes on average to send warnings from the Task Force to municipalities (about 700 municipalities).

### 2. Major achievements and problems based on the results of the civil protection field exercise

#### <Achievements>

- Activities of field offices implementing measures were examined.

- Foundation for civil protection field exercises involving local residents' participation was established.

<Problems>

- Measures to protect the Civil making full use of disaster-prevention know-how need to be implemented.
- It is necessary to deepen our study of the functions of field task forces.

### **3. Findings of a questionnaire survey conducted on the people who took part in the civil protection field exercises**

<Respondents>

- About 70 residents of Mihama town in Fukui Prefecture who took part in the evacuation drill

<Survey method>

- Survey sheets were distributed at the evacuation center (Mihama Health and Welfare Center), where respondents were asked to fill out the sheets and the sheets were collected.

<Main opinions expressed>

- Participation in the exercise was meaningful.
- I was able to understand what civil protection measures consist of.
- I have realized the importance of responses by field offices etc.
- Due consideration should be given to additional measures needed for the evacuation of children, elderly people and physically handicapped persons.
- I'm not sure if we can actually evacuate smoothly in the way experienced in the exercise.
- Various manuals should be prepared and disseminated to ensure proper evacuation in an emergency.
- A system should be in place to enable evacuees to obtain information on the safety of other family members.