Bringing up students who are resistant to disasters: Collaboration in education on disaster damage reduction

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The Great East Japan Earthquake taught us two important lessons. The first lesson is that both risk management before disasters and crisis management after disasters are important. The second lesson is that the strategy of disaster reduction by additional measures is indispensable.

In education, we have to strengthen mind, skill and human network for disaster reduction to realize reduction of damages caused by disasters. Specifically, it is important to raise the consciousness of disaster prevention, recognize disaster risks correctly, facilitate relationships among people, and learn the appropriate lifestyle.

In response to the subject of the above education, it is important develop educational content close to the life and the local situations, promote education in collaboration with other schools, homes and the communities, and expand education by people who are in various occupations.