

The mission of the HERP

The mission of the HERP is to promote research into earthquakes with the goal of strengthening disaster prevention measures, particularly for the reduction of damage and casualties from earthquakes .

Disaster prevention measures at national and regional levels

Cooperation

Central Disaster Management Council
 Subdivision on Geodesy and Geophysics
 Coordinating Committee for Earthquake Prediction
 Earthquake Assessment Committee for Areas
 under Intensified Measures against Earthquake Disaster

Headquarters for Earthquake Research Promotion

(Director: Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

Policy Committee

- ▶ Subcommittee for Survey and Observation Plans
- ▶ Budget Subcommittee
- ▶ Subcommittee for Utilizing Research Results in Society
- ▶ Subcommittee for next Comprehensive Basic Policies

Earthquake Research Committee

- ▶ Subcommittee for Long-term Evaluations
- ▶ Subcommittee for Evaluation of Strong Ground Motion
- ▶ Subcommittee for Analysis of Satellite Data

Comprehensive Basic Policies
 Survey and Observation Plans

Survey and Observation Data
 and Research Results

Japan Meteorological Agency

Survey, Observations, Research, etc.

Ministry of Education,
 Culture, Sports, Science
 and Technology(MEXT)

Geographical Survey Institute
 (GSI)

Japan Meteorological Agency
 (JMA)

Japan Coast Guard
 (JCG)

Universities

National Research Institute
 for Earth Science and
 Disaster Prevention(NIED)

Japan Agency for Marine-Earth
 Science and Technology
 (JAMSTEC)

National Institute of Advanced
 Industrial Science and
 Technology (AIST)

National Institute of Information
 and Communications
 Technology (NICT)

National Research Institute
 of Fire and Disaster(NRIFD)

What is the HERP?

The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Disaster (Jan. 17, 1995) killed nearly 6,400 people and destroyed over 100,000 buildings, and brought to light a number of problems in our national earthquake disaster prevention measures.

Following on the knowledge learned from this disaster, the [Special Measure Law on Earthquake Disaster Prevention](#) sponsored by legislators was enacted in July 1995 to promote a comprehensive national policy on earthquake disaster prevention.

The failure to sufficiently communicate and apply earthquake research results to the general public and disaster prevention organizations highlighted the need for a direct system of accountability in government policy regarding earthquakes, and the [Headquarters for Earthquake Research Promotion](#), a special governmental organization attached to the Prime Minister's office (now belongs to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), was established in accordance with this law.