

Application Letter for UNISDR Role Model City

Hyogo Prefecture has been affected by the “Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake” in January 1995. Though some issues still remain, we have been able to restore and reconstruct our prefecture with the efforts of all of our citizens and with the warm support we received from inside and outside the prefecture.

Though we cannot rid the world of disasters, we can reduce the ensuing damage by learning from our past experiences and being prepared. I believe that it is our responsibility to communicate our experiences and lessons from the earthquake so we may contribute toward disaster prevention and reduction measures.

I would like to mitigate tragedies as much as possible in other municipalities in the case of future disasters by applying this campaign, introducing our disaster experiences and by providing references.

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