

Risk Perception and Actual Reaction for Natural Disaster of Younger Generations in Visayas, Philippine

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The face-to-face interviews over the Internet were carried out awareness survey for natural disasters in younger women in Visayas region, Philippines. Total number of the interviewees is 55 people. 57.3% of people cited an earthquake as the most horrible natural disaster, and a typhoon (26.4%) was in second. Both top two total exceeded 80% in all answers. As a reason to fear, own direct experiences (51.9%) and indirect experiences (13.5%), e.g. TV report on natural disasters, were main answer. It was found that the emotion of fear has been building due to past experiences. About 70 percent of the interviewees have experiences of earthquake drills in their elementary school days. During the earthquake drills, most of the teachers instructed interviewees to hide under a desk as immediate responses if an intensive earthquake struck the school. However, many interviewees were evacuated to the outside first and foremost in the Bohol Earthquake (Oct. 15, 2013). Based on their explanations, the reason that they didn't stay at an interior may be distrust of the strength of the building.

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