

Field Survey for the Memorial Matters from the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake in Western Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan

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Many memorial towers and monuments have been constructed for the heavy toll of life and for the restoration of villages or cities in Southern Kanto district. Death claimed a toll of about 105000 totally from the 1923 Great Kanto earthquake. These towers and monuments must be forever witnesses to the tragedy of the earthquake damage and spokesmen for the victim's dying wish "don't repeat such damages". However, most of them have been already forgotten by the citizens. We thought it's sacrilege and must use them for the public education of earthquake disaster prevention. This manuscript is a report on the field survey for the memorial matters from the Great Kanto earthquake in Western Kanagawa Prefecture and Atami, Ito Cites. The number of the matters is 170. This survey will be continued to the next year in Eastern Kanagawa Prefecture. The survey in Central Kanagawa Prefecture had been summarized in the last year.

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