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	<p>With the tenth anniversary of the Hanshin-Awaji Great Earthquake, a "5th People and NGOs' International Forum on Disaster Prevention" was held in Kobe on December 10th and 11th. The main theme was "Reviewing the experience of the past ten years and sharing it with others in Japan and the rest of the world". The forum was held in 1995 for the first time when the Earthquake hit Kobe. Since then, we have continued to convey our message in Kobe Proclamation in each forum. We have claimed that the victims are the main actor of rehabilitation. In order to rehabilitate through citizens' empowerment, rebuilding lives is critical as well as reconstruction of homes. Rebuilding lives means job security and various social and medical responses. Based on Kobe Proclamation, we wish that the support should be provided for everyone, including the last person. Now, we have adopted the Kobe Proclamation as a chair of executive committee of People and NGOs' International Forum on Disaster Prevention for part 1. For part 2, we have panel discussion about "livelihood supported by tie among citizens". Key words are speaking out, learning, linking, creating, choosing, and growth.</p>
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