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Title	Community disaster prevention symposium in Kobe 2005
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Speakers	<p>神戸市立中央小学校児童(合唱) 神戸大学都市安全研究センター副センター長 沖村 孝教授 福井市ボランティア連絡会会長、福井市議会議員 後藤勇一さん 豊岡市社会福祉協議会ボランティアコーディネーター 安田真明さん 小千谷市助役 佐藤知巳さん トルコ共和国内務省研修局課長 アジズ・ユルドゥルムさん 神戸市灘消防団(本団)部長 小野三恵さん BrainHumanity理事長兼事務局長 能島裕介さん 神戸市収入役(元生活再建本部長) 金芳外城雄さん 富士常葉大学環境防災学部 重川希志依教授 神戸市立須佐野中学校生徒会長 山崎広大さん 俳優 堀内正美さん 女優 真野響子さん</p>
Report	<p>First, children from Kobe Municipal Chuo Elementary School sang “Shiawase Hakoberu You Ni.” Following that, Kobe Mayor, Tatsuo Yada, offered greetings on behalf of the City of Kobe, mentioning disaster aid provided last year to domestic and overseas disaster areas, and talking about importance of life, connections, and gratitude learned in the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake.</p> <p>In the first session, Professor Takashi Okimura, Vice Director of the Kobe University Research Center for Urban Safety and Security will give a lecture on “10 Years After the Earthquake and Natural Disasters.” He explained the importance of improving a sense of community in disaster prevention, based on the increase of not only earthquakes, but also wind and flood disasters.</p> <p>The second session was a panel discussion entitled “Kobe and Community Connections.” Professor Shigekawa from Fuji Tokoha University served as coordinator of the discussion, in which three survivors from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, and others from Fukui City, Toyooka City in Hyogo Prefecture, Ojiya City in Niigata Prefecture, and Turkey to whom Kobe provided disaster assistance exchanged opinions on their experiences in their disasters and subsequent reconstruction.</p> <p>In the third session, “Kobe and A Message to the Future,” the Class President of Kobe Municipal Susano Junior High School, Kodai Yamazaki, gave a presentation on disaster prevention education, explaining how his school works with the local community. Lastly, Kobe natives, Masami Horiuchi and Kyoko Mano, closed the day with a dialogue.</p>
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