

# TOPICS

## EMPLOYEE DISPATCHES TO UNIVERSITY LECTURES

JER is promoting understanding of the earthquake insurance system by dispatching its employees to universities as lecturers. In fiscal 2017, JER sent its employees to the Nihon University College of Risk Management in June 2017 and the Tohoku University Faculty of Economics in September 2017. Using diagrams, the employees gave explanations covering the outline of the earthquake insurance system, how reinsurance works, and the role played by earthquake insurance in the Great East Japan Earthquake and the Kumamoto Earthquakes to students taking courses on nonlife insurance at the two universities.

## JER REPRESENTATIVES GIVE A LECTURE TO A GROUP FROM AAUI AND MAIPARK VISITING JAPAN FOR TRAINING

JER representatives gave a presentation on the Japanese earthquake insurance system to a group from the General Insurance Association of Indonesia (Asosiasi Asuransi Umum Indonesia, AAUI) and MAIPARK, a specialist earthquake reinsurance company in Indonesia, which visited Japan for training in November 2017. On this occasion, the JER representatives explained subjects including earthquake risks and the outline of the household earthquake insurance system in Japan. Like Japan, Indonesia is one of the most active areas on earth in terms of seismic activity. For this reason, people in Indonesia have a strong interest in the earthquake insurance system that is peculiar to Japan. The visitors from Indonesia asked the lecturers numerous questions, including how the premium rates for earthquake insurance are structured and the roles assigned to the reinsurance provided by the Japanese government.

## MAJOR EARTHQUAKES IN THE PAST YEAR

Earthquakes that registered a maximum intensity of five or above on the Japanese seismic scale in the period from July 2017 to June 2018 are shown in the following Table.

Date of occurrence	Name	Magnitude (M)	Maximum seismic intensity
July 11, 2017	Earthquake whose epicenter was in the Kagoshima Bay	5.3	Strong 5: Kagoshima City
September 8, 2017	Earthquake whose epicenter was in the southern inland part of Akita Prefecture	5.2	Strong 5: Daisen City
April 9, 2018	Earthquake whose epicenter was in the western part of Shimane Prefecture	6.1	Strong 5: Ota City
May 25, 2018	Earthquake whose epicenter was in the northern part of Nagano Prefecture	5.2	Strong 5: Sakae Village, Nagano Prefecture
June 18, 2018	Earthquake whose epicenter was in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture	6.1	Weak 6: Kita-ku, Osaka City, Takatsuki City, Hirakata City, Ibaraki City and Minoh City

(Prepared by JER based on the results of a search of a seismic intensity database published on the official website of the Meteorological Agency)

## MATTERS RELATING TO THE EARTHQUAKE WHOSE EPICENTER WAS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF OSAKA PREFECTURE

JER would like to express its heartfelt sympathy to people who suffered damage in the earthquake whose epicenter was in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture.

JER is working as one body with the nonlife insurance industry and the Japanese government to deliver insurance payouts promptly and reliably to policyholders affected by this earthquake so that they can rebuild their livelihoods.

### *Outline of the earthquake*

Date and time of occurrence: June 18, 2018 at 7:58 a.m.

Magnitude: 6.1 (provisional figure)

Epicenter: Northern part of Osaka Prefecture

Seismic intensity registered in the respective areas (strong 5 or greater):

Weak 6: Osaka Prefecture: Kita-ku, Osaka City, Takatsuki City, Hirakata City, Ibaraki City and Minoh City

Strong 5: Osaka Prefecture: Miyakojima-ku, Osaka City, Higashi-Yodogawa-ku, Osaka City, Asahi-ku, Osaka City, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka City, Toyonaka City, Suita City, Neyagawa City, Settsu City, Katano City and Shimamoto Town

Kyoto Prefecture: Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto City, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto City, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto City, Kameoka City, Nagaokakyo City, Yawata City, Oyamazaki Town and Kumiyama Town

(Prepared by JER based on a document released by the Cabinet Office titled "Matters Relating to the State of Damage, Etc. in Connection with the Earthquake Whose Epicenter was in the Northern Part of Osaka Prefecture")

### *State of nonlife insurance industry responses*

The General Insurance Association of Japan (GIAJ) has established a countermeasures headquarters in Osaka City, Osaka Prefecture, to respond to matters related to the earthquake with comprehensive arrangements.

[State of earthquake insurance responses in the period from the occurrence of the earthquake to the present: their state as of June 30, 2018]

June 18, 2018	The GIAJ chairman's comment: To people affected by the earthquake whose epicenter was in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture
June 18, 2018	Matters relating to nonlife insurance industry responses to the earthquake whose epicenter was in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture
June 19, 2018	Matters relating to special measures in connection with the earthquake in 2018 whose epicenter was in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture
June 29, 2018	Matters relating to the number of earthquake insurance inquiries in connection with the earthquake in 2018 whose epicenter was in the northern part of Osaka Prefecture 54,212 inquiries as of Monday, June 25, 2018