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RESPONDING TO ANY DISASTER

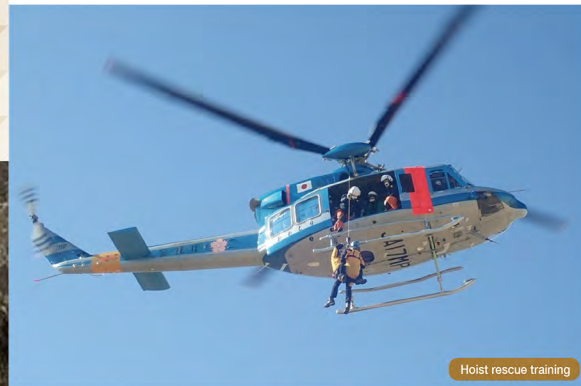
Japan is prone to a variety of natural disasters due to earthquakes, storms and flooding. In early 2022, a powerful quake registering 5-upper on the Japanese scale hit the Izu Island chain just offshore of Tokyo. That summer, Typhoon Meari made landfall on one of the islands, triggering a landslide alert. Later in the year, a rapid succession of storms brought long periods of torrential rain to Northern Izu Peninsula.

To deal with an increasing number of large-scale natural disasters such as storms, floods and earthquakes, the TMPD has formed highly-skilled rescue units, including "TMPD Special Rescue Unit", "Mobile Rescue Unit", "Water Rescue Unit" and "Mountain Rescue Unit".

In addition to these units, the TMPD has rescue teams trained to respond to major disasters outside of Tokyo. While the TMPD Disaster Response Team is deployed in Japan, the TMPD Japan Disaster Relief Team is dispatched to overseas. When an earthquake hit the southeastern area of the Republic of Turkey on February 6, 2023, the team was dispatched and engaged in search and rescue operations.



Mountain rescue training



Hoist rescue training



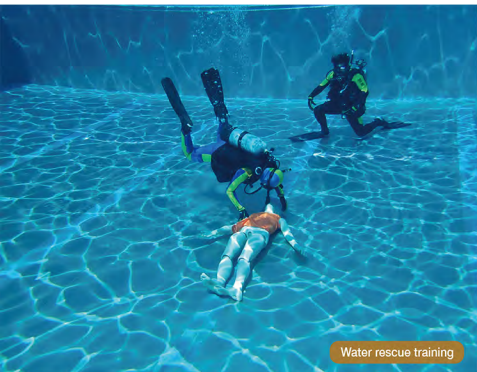
Rescue and relief training



Departure ceremony for the TMPD Japan Disaster Relief Team



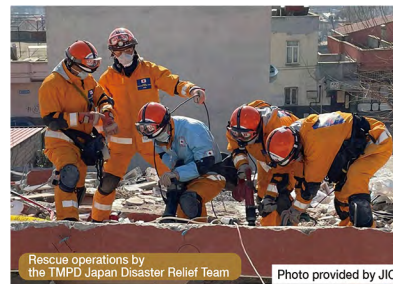
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Water rescue training



Rescue and relief training



Rescue operations by the TMPD Japan Disaster Relief Team

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