

Information Literacy for Community Disaster Management

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Collecting, Analyzing and disseminating disaster Information are critical to disaster management. Governments often spend a lot of funding for sensor network building, remote sensing monitoring and data analyzing. This information is usually used by government agencies. However, if this information cannot reach general public, will greatly reduce its value. In addition to the timely dissemination of critical information to be the public, it is also important to enhance the ability of the public to understand and utilize this information.

In Taiwan, many government agencies have recognized this need and provided disaster-related education and training programs. Disasters related subjects are also in the k-12 school curriculums. Although these effects have empowered the public to manage disasters, there is still improvements can be made, especially on coordinating the actions taken by each agencies.

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