(Reference) Useful tools to offer information to international visitors when disasters occur

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O Tools that can be used by international visitors to collect information by themselves when disasters occur

① Websites etc.

JNTO Global Website [Available in English]

"Important Notice" on the global website of Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) provides related link page in case of natural disasters.



URL : <u>https://www.japan.travel/en/</u>

(2) JNTO Tourist Information Center (JNTO Tourist Call Center)

JNTO accept telephone inquiries in English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese 24 hours a day (03-3201-3331) .

(3) NHK WORLD-JAPAN [Available in English]

24-hour English channel that offers the latest news in Japan and Asia.

It is useful as an information source in English in case of a big disaster such as earthquake or typhoon.



URL : https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/

② Applications

(1) JNTO Official Smartphone App [Available in 4 languages. English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, and Korean]

"Japan Official Travel App", which is the tourism information app for smartphones, notifies disaster information such as emergency earthquake report and special weather warning through.



URL : <u>http://www.jnto.go.jp/smartapp/</u>

(2) Disaster information provider app "Safety tips" [Available in 5 languages. Japanese, English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, and Korean]

"Safety tips" app provides international visitors with information related to disasters.

The app can be downloaded from URLs below.

- Android :<u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=jp.co.rcsc.safetyTips.android</u>
- iPhone : https://itunes.apple.com/jp/app/safety-tips/id858357174?mt=8



③ Twitter from JNTO (Japan Safe Travel) [Available in English]

JST is managed by Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO), providing foreign visitors safety tips and latest information in case of natural disasters.

Multilingual voice translation system (VoiceTra etc.) [Available in 31 languages, including Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean] A voice translation app "VoiceTra", which translates content into a foreign language when you speak to, can be used on a trial basis. http://voicetra.nict.go.jp/

%There are private sector products using "VoiceTra technology"
http://gcp.nict.go.jp/news/products_and_services_GCP.pdf





② Twitter from Prime Minister's official residence (disaster/crisis management information) [Only available in Japanese]

Prime Minister's official residence offers information on government activities related to disaster/crisis management by Twitter.

3 Medical related information

(1) List of medical institutions which accept international visitors [Available in 5 langue's, Japanese, English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, and Korean]

Medical institutions which provide treatment in foreign languages can be b searched by department and language



URL : http://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/mi_guide.html

(2) **Guidebook** [Available in 6 languages, including Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean]

The guidebook contains how to apply to a medical institution in Japan, finger-point conversation sheets which are useful to convey symptoms, etc.



URL : <u>http://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/support.html</u>