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Characterizing the Impact of Population Diversity on Risk Information Delivery and Accessibility. A Case of Foreigners in the Kanto Region of Japan

[Abstract]

Population of foreigners in Japan continues to grow as the number reached a milestone of 2.93 million at the end of 2019. The heterogeneous nature of this population equally brings diversity in the preferences for information sources and accessibility mechanisms. With information provision being a key element to creating disaster awareness and reducing risk of foreigners to disasters in the country, a mismatch between information delivery framework of authorities and the accessibility preferences of foreigners will be crucial to achieving this goal. Hence, this study looks at the heterogeneity nature of foreigners in Kanto region and how it impacts on risk information delivery and accessibility. It uses quantitative and qualitative methods to analyze secondary data and online questionnaires administered to foreigners within the Kanto region. It is anticipated that, the study reveals factors within different groups of foreigners that hinder, promote or compliment risk information delivery and accessibility. The results will be essential to proposing alternatives to risk information delivery.



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