

## Natural Disaster Youth Summit 2010

NDYS was organized in Hyogo in May 2004 and started from September 2004, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake, Japan. Natural disasters occur anywhere and anytime on this planet. We learned the importance of human lives and preparedness for disasters through NDYS 2005 to 2009. You have various information to reduce the impact of the same kind of disaster, share your information with the world. It will take many years to build a disaster-resilient society. Start your continuous efforts from now until you grow up, then transfer your efforts to your next generation. With more communication, lives can be saved. Our ultimate goal is to enhance awareness of natural disasters among families, schools and local communities around the world and build a safer place to live in for everyone on this planet. To achieve this goal, we have planned two programs.

**1) Global Disaster Safety Map.** Participating students are encouraged to create a Disaster Safety Map of their school's surrounding areas. Safety maps made by schools all over the world can be shared through video-conferencing and forums. Once they are connected, we'll have a global disaster safety map that brings the whole world together.

**2) NDYS Teddy Bears with Kid's Safety Bag.** As a subsidiary program, the NDYS Teddy Bears (NDYS Little Ambassadors) with Kid's Safety Bag will be exchanged between partner schools to strengthen friendly bonds.

**Discussion on 'What youth can do to prevent the next disasters.'** Theme: **Disaster Reduction and Climate Change.** Through this program, we expect students to grow as NDYS Ambassadors who share their information on disaster management and tell people the importance of preparedness for the next risk.

As the final event, we will get together in Turkey, and hold the International Conference 'Natural Disaster Youth Summit 2010'.

*A project in which children learn how to cope with natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, wildfires, floods, hurricanes, landslides, tsunamis, droughts through communication and collaboration with global friends. This year's theme: Disaster Reduction and Climate Change*



Ages: All  
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