

## Crisis Management in Local Communities During the Great Hanshin–Awaji Earthquake

### ABSTRACT

The Great Hanshin–Awaji Earthquake on January 17, 1995 not only burned and destroyed buildings, it also made social systems come to a complete standstill. This paper studies how each local government collected and transmitted information on the quake, and how each government fought fires and conducted rescue operations in the early stages of the disaster. The study also examines crisis management in local communities.

**Key words** : crisis management, rescue operations, fire–fighting.