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**GIAJ's requests and recommendations for more effective disaster prevention and mitigation efforts by the government**

**~ Requests submitted to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism ~**

The General Insurance Association of Japan (GIAJ) set "Realization of a disaster-resilient society" in its 9th Medium-Term Business Plan, which started in April 2021. As part of this initiative, we submitted requests to the Director-Generals of the Water and Disaster Management Bureau and the Road Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) on March 31.

In recent years, natural disasters are occurring more frequently with greater severity, and are causing extensive damage in many areas of Japan. Under the situation, the government is implementing various measures based on the fundamental concept of building a "safe and secure society which mainstreams disaster prevention and mitigation".

In response to tragic accidents, such as the one in which a truck hit a group of elementary school students on their way home from school, the government has been implementing further measures to ensure the safety of children. They include formulation of emergency measures, such as "ensuring traffic safety on routes to and from school, etc." at the "Ministerial Conference on Traffic Safety Measures, based on the government policy of "taking all possible measures to protect the safety of children".

The GIAJ contributes to the formation of a safe and secure society by promoting prompt and proper claim payments to disaster and traffic accident victims, and conducting activities on disaster prevention and mitigation as well as traffic safety. In this context, we have expressed our opinions to local governments in respective regions.

We hope that our requests will lead to the implementation of more effective measures to maintain and strengthen a sustainable social infrastructure that is resistant to disasters and accidents, and reduce economic losses caused by disasters and accidents.

The following are our specific requests:

<Requests to the Water and Disaster Management Bureau>

- Promotion of "watershed flood control" measures
- Improvement of sewerage-related facilities
- Maintenance and improvements of rainwater storage functions, etc.
- Promotion of the use of flood risk information
- Elimination of blank areas on flood and inland water inundation hazard maps
- Reduction of flood damage by strengthening infrastructure maintenance efforts

<Requests to the Road Bureau>

- Traffic safety measures on school routes, such as installing sidewalks and protective fences, etc., in accordance with local conditions
- Traffic safety measures on residential roads

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