

Exercise for Disasters from Major Terrorist Attack

On November 9, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government carried out map and field training exercises to practice responses to large-scale terrorist incidents. The exercises took place at the TMG Main Building No. 1 and the Oi Racecourse.

The exercises were carried out under the Tokyo Metropolitan Civil Protection Plan. The field exercises for disasters from major terrorist attacks were being held for the second time, following on from the inaugural exercises held last year, and for the first time they were tied in with Tokyo's wards, following the formulation of ward civil protection plans. (TMG formulated its Civil Protection Plan in 2005, and the municipalities formulated their plans in 2006.)

The exercises practiced a scenario in which a series of terrorist attacks involving "dirty bombs" and the dissemination of chemical agents were carried out targeting several large public arenas in the city. A total of 920 personnel from 28 agencies were involved, including fourteen agencies of the TMG, the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department and Tokyo Fire Department.

At Oi Racecourse, a major public arena in Shinagawa-ku, bomb disposal exercises were carried out as well as an exercise in evacuating and assisting victims in response to a chemical agent attack. In the bomb disposal exercises, police officers on standby were dispatched with police dogs to search out, identify, and dispose of suspected explosives, while police on duty at the venue guided the spectators through an emergency evacuation.

In the chemical attack evacuation and relief exercise, mock terrorists spread chemical agents from plastic bottles onto spectator seats, and of approximately 350 personnel posing as spectators, 50 became casualties. The **Chemical Response Unit** of the Tokyo Fire Department and the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department's NBC Unit then rushed to the scene to evacuate and assist the victims. The exercises were carried out in the tense atmosphere of a genuine emergency, with a decontamination tent being set up inside the racecourse to decontaminate seriously affected victims with water.



A masked "terrorist" spreads chemical agents



Victims being evacuated and assisted

Chemical Response Unit members decontaminating victims of chemical attack in the decontamination tent

Outline of the Exercises

(1) Objectives

The objectives of the exercises were to enable each agency to rehearse its responses in the event of a terrorist attack, to enhance its decision-making capabilities and to fine-tune its operational procedures. At the same time, the exercises served to reinforce counter-terrorist preparations in advance of next year's G8 Summit at Lake Toya, Hokkaido.

(2) Date

November 9 (Fri.), 2007.

2. Exercise Venue and Time

(1) Map Exercise

Venue: 9F TMG Main Building No. 1

Time: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

(2) Field Exercises

Venue: Oi Racecourse (2-1-2 Katsushima, Shinagawa-ku)

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

3. Participating Agencies and Personnel

(1) Participating agencies: 28 agencies

(2) Participating personnel: (approximately 920 persons in total)

- Map exercises: approximately 160 persons
- Field exercises: approximately 760 persons

4. Exercise Activities

1. Coordination between the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, its wards, concerned agencies and businesses
2. Determination of areas to be placed on alert, and issuance of evacuation orders
3. Evacuation and assistance of victims
4. Evacuation measures for local residents, etc.
5. Securing of medical institutions and evacuation centers

5. Notes

- (1) It is intended that the outcomes of these exercises will be reflected in revisions to the **Tokyo NBC Disaster Response Manual** and civil protection policies.
- (2) To date, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has conducted the following exercises for disasters from major terrorist attack:
 1. December 1, 2003: biological attack (smallpox)
 2. November 30, 2004: chemical attack (Sarin)
 3. November 30, 2005: radioactive attack (“dirty bomb”)
 4. November 10, 2006: bomb and chemical attack (Sarin)