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Legal Frameworks for Disaster Management in Japan

In my presentation, I would like to give a brief overview of legal frameworks for disaster management in Japan, based on the Disaster Countermeasures Basic Act (1961). The focus will be on the following issues (some may be omitted):

- (1) disaster management cycle: risk assessment/prevention → emergency measures → rehabilitation
- (2) risk prevention/mitigation and private property
- (3) risk allocation between individual/neighborhood/public sector
- (4) disaster recovery (fukkyu) and reconstruction (fukko)
- (5) is “individual compensation” prohibited?

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