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Situation in Yokohama after the heavy earthquake on 11 March 2011:

As of 06:00 a.m. Japanese local time, 14 March 2011

Yokohama has recorded few damages in the comparison with the Tohoku-Region and the prefectures of Ibaraki and Chiba. The administration now concentrates on the support of their colleagues in catastrophe-regions.

Damages:

- 3 fires
- 101 damaged buildings (residences, businesses, schools etc)

Victims:

- 2 dead persons (a 50-year old woman in the district Tsuzuki-ku and a 80-year old woman in the district Totsuka-ku)
- 70 injured
- no missing persons

Lifeline supply management:

- Water: Water supply restored in the entire city area
- Electricity: Tokyo Electric Power Corporation (TEPCO) carries out rolling blackouts in different areas in order to prevent bigger power outages. The effects of the planned blackouts on hospitals, nursery schools etc. are currently being evaluated and measures are taken in order to minimize negative effects as much as possible.
- Natural Gas: Natural gas supply restored in the entire city area
- Suburban and long-distance-trains: The planned blackouts cause restrictions in train traffic.
- Road: Partial stoppage of expressways, other important streets are passable

Shelters / Evacuation Points:

- By March 12 at noon, all people who could not go back home because of the restrictions in the train and traffic previously, could return home.
- By March 13, 20:00 o'clock local time, all evacuation points were closed

Support to other cities:

- In the late afternoon of March 11, a helicopter was sent into the Tohoku-Region that arrived there in the early evening. Until March 13, it carried out search and rescue flights over Miyako and the Omoie peninsula.

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- In the evening of March 11, 21 firefighters were sent to support Ichihara city (Chiba pref.). The firefighters finished their work there in the evening of March 13.
- In the evening of March 11, 39 firefighters were sent to Sendai as a part of Kanagawa prefecture rescue team.
- In the early morning of March 12, a command-team of 5 staff was sent to Iwate pref. in order to support the disaster management headquarters of the Iwate fire brigade
- On March 12, 10,000 wool blankets were sent by truck to Sendai. 4 workers of the water supply-office were delegated to Sendai, as well as 5 workers of the administration who help in to coordinate the support measures.
- On March 13, 50,000 disposable toilets, 3 vacuum vehicles and 12 employees were sent to Sendai upon the request of the city of Sendai. For further support 31 employees from different departments of Yokohama's local administration will drive to Sendai on March 14.
- On March 12, 2 tank-vehicles with drinking water and 6 workers were sent to Chiba prefecture for support
- On March 13, a research team consisting of 3 employees was sent to Ibaraki prefecture for support