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Final Presentation Script (Group B)

① Firstly, we would like to address the importance of strengthening houses.

It is often the case that vulnerable houses get severe damage from natural disasters. So we think that if we send professional architect to local community and teach them how to build strong houses, it would improve the safety of the house. In addition, spreading the knowledge of making strong houses in local community is crucial. In this situation, we are not going to teach everyone but identify certain leaders within community.

② Next is the strengthening of the evacuation system. When we visited Cebu, we had the chance of hearing about the Typhoon and evacuation system from the government officials of Daanbantayan an area strongly affected by the Typhoon 2 years ago. The photo shows our visit to the office. According to the government official, the evacuation system before the Typhoon was weak, and there were many residents who could not evacuate due to such weakness. In accordance, they improved the evacuation structure under emergency. Specifically, evacuation centers had acted only as a choice, so they introduced systems of evacuation suggestions and force evacuation. Hearing such stories at the municipal office, we were once more reminded of the importance of evacuation systems.

We raise two suggested systems based on this.

One is information sharing as a form of inter-governmental cooperation during normal times. By sharing information of natural disasters and climate, such as radar or disaster predictions, it is possible to strengthen measures before the natural disaster occurs. For example, Japan is advanced in earthquake studies. By sharing skills and information about earthquake predictions to developing nations, it is possible to work together against disasters from an early stage. In this process, we found it crucial that information sharing does not stop at the national level but be spread to local levels, so we showed such connection in the slide.

③ Finally, the spreading of evacuation system to communities. Regardless of how strong the evacuation system itself is, the system does not operate so long as the residents are ignorant of the system. In fact, when we visited a small village the day after hearing from the Daanbantayan officials, we learned that many of the residents barely knew anything of the improved evacuation system adopted. Consequently, it is very important to spread the evacuation system to the local community.

As systems of such circulation, we propose 3 ideas.

[1] One is the cooperation between local government and community. By sending local officials to villages or cities to explain the system or having the local government hold meetings to explain the system, it is possible to have every resident understand the evacuation system.

[2] Next is the disaster prevention education. In Daanbantayan, we heard that there were many deaths of children as a result of the Typhoon. In response, we found it effective to hold emergency drills on a regular basis so that the children understand the evacuation system by heart.

[3] third is story-telling. When the big tsunami hit Tohoku, Japan, there were some people who survived due to their experience of hearing from past survivors of tsunamis. It is important that

people recognize the importance of evacuation and having a sense of awareness of the fears of disasters by passing on past stories.

Up to this point, we have presented about

① constructing strong houses,
② implementing strong evacuation systems,
and ③ spreading the evacuation system of local communities.

It is important to take steps toward each one of these action plans, but the most important aspect of sustainable disaster reaction is working both from the macro and micro levels.

Disaster is a challenge that any one of us may face, so it is critical that we work together against disasters from various directions.

And finally, there may be nothing we can do about the fact that natural disasters occur. However, we are not powerless at all in minimizing the impacts of disasters by building a disaster-strong community. In order to protect every precious life, each one of us must take consideration on disasters.

Thank you for listening.