



MAEBASHI FOCUS

Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) Newsletter

As part of my duties as a Coordinator for International Relations, I translate monthly city information into English and record the voiceover to be broadcast the following month over radio and the ListenRadio app at the Maebashi City FM. After now having completed four recording sessions, I've noticed that information regarding the creation of a multilingual flooding and landslide hazard map of the city is included in the script every time. Thanks to a certain event, I now fully understand the purpose of this map.



On November 5th, I participated in a disaster prevention drill. We practiced check-in procedures with a My Number Card and learned about cardboard beds used during times of disaster, which helped us picture what a real-life situation would look like. We then listened to a presentation about disaster preparedness, which was the first time I came face-to-face with the same hazard map I had been familiar with through the radio recordings. This map enables you to locate the evacuation sites nearest to your home as well as regions at risk of landslides and flooding. It is available on the Maebashi City homepage not only in Japanese but in five other languages as well: English, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Portuguese. I have no doubt there are many people like me who wouldn't know where to escape to during a disaster, so please be sure to check it out. In short, the event inspired me to make preparations and do research on how to keep myself safe at the time of a disaster. I hope similar disaster prevention drills will be held regularly for city residents in the future.

