The Potential of Satellite Communication in Great Disasters

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Satellite Communication in Japan

- Satellite communication services were launched by the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation in 1984 using the Communications Satellite-2, which was launched in 1983.
- > Japanese satellite communications market is valued at US\$ 2.9 billion in 2024 and is expected to grow to US\$ 3.28 billion in 2029.
 - Leading operator : SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation

17 geostationary satellites, US\$429 million sales(FY3/2023)

- > Main fields of use: Broadcast transmission, remote monitoring and control, provision of high-speed Internet access in aircraft, ships, etc.
- Vision for Space Networks in Beyond 5G: Seamlessly connect land, sea, air and space through the integrated operation of terrestrial and nonterrestrial networks. Expand communications coverage and service reach.



Noto Peninsula Earthquake on January 1, 2024



Source: The Japanese Red Cross Society https://www.jrc.or.jp/english/relief/2024NotoPeninsulaEarthquake.html



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XXX fatalities

XXX buildings partly or totally destroyed



Source: NHK https://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/html/20240108/k10014313221000.html



Damages to Communication Infrastructure



Number of households affected by broadcast base stations outages 2500 2000 1500 1000 500 1-Jan 5-Jan 6-Jan 2-Jan 3-Jan 7-Jan 8-Jan 10-Jan L1-Jan 12-Jan 4-Jan 9-Jan 13-Jan 14-Jan 15-Jan 16-Jan

Others: 20% Power outage: 80%

e.g. Cause of mobile base station outage at Typhoon No. 15 in 2019

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Satellite Communications during Disaster



Cell Phone base station on board using Starlink

Source: KDDI press Release https://news.kddi.com/kddi/corporate/newsrelease/2024/01/06/7170.html

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Disaster Medical Assistance Team using Starlink

Source: KDDI press Release https://news.kddi.com/kddi/corporate/newsrelease/2024/01/12/7179.html



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Thank You

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