

Being prepared to minimize a range of possible risks

Highlight

We carried out a company-wide emergency drill to deal with a major earthquake.



The company-wide emergency drill we carried out on March 2013 was based on the Business Continuity Plan (BCP*) and emergency response plan we established in 2012 to deal with a major earthquake. The purpose of the drill was to ensure that employees understand the disaster manual, and train employees to behave calmly and without confusion when an earthquake actually occurs.

An Emergency Headquarters was set up immediately after the drill started to receive reports from each plant/office on the safety of employees and on the situation at the plant in order to determine the damage conditions and confirm how the communications would work in the event of an emergency.

Emergency staff conducted a simulation drill using maps to simulate the experience of coping with a situation in which information is reported in quick succession, allowing them to realize how difficult it is to make proper decisions in a tense situation.



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The purpose of emergency drills based on the BCP is to continue to improve the organization's business continuity capacity. This capacity comprises the three components given on the right. We conducted the simulation drill using maps, focusing on item (3), with the aim of giving participants full awareness through firsthand experience of the difficulties inherent in coping with an emergency.

- (1) Measures to strengthen earthquake resistance, establishing backup facilities and systems, etc.
- (2) Preparing for an emergency in terms of role sharing, criteria for decisions, action procedures, etc.
- (3) Improving skills of personnel so that they are capable of taking prompt and flexible action to cope with an emergency