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To the people of Ehime,

Requests Following the Hyuganada Sea Earthquake and Nankai Trough Megaquake Advisory

The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a Nankai Trough Megaquake Advisory at 7:15pm following an earthquake in the Hyuganada Sea off the coast of Miyazaki Prefecture that occurred around 4:43pm today. This means that the risk of a major earthquake along the Nankai Trough is relatively higher than usual, and everyone should make emergency preparations in case.

However, this does not mean that a tremor will necessarily occur anytime soon. It is impossible to predict when one will strike or how severe it will be, and the situation may be resolved without anything happening.

With this in mind, we would like to ask you to do the following:

1. Be prepared for a potential earthquake
Please take necessary precautions to prepare for a major earthquake. At minimum, check the following:
 - a) Evacuation sites and routes
 - b) Emergency family contact information
 - c) Emergency supplies and household items
 - d) Safety measures at home, such as securing furniture

2. Stay calm and continue with daily activities
Please do not panic, but continue with your everyday life as usual. The following actions can be extremely disruptive and should be avoided at all costs:
 - a) Hoarding food and daily necessities
 - b) Spreading misinformation and rumors on social media and other platforms

We will work with the relevant agencies to establish a system to respond quickly in emergencies. Please stay calm and be prepared in case of an earthquake.

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