

## MESSAGE FROM TAKANAWA FIRE STATION

Japan, surrounded by continents and oceans, easily suffers from natural disasters during the period from the beginning of summer to the autumn. Typhoons and fronts are likely to bring flood-causing heavy rains, storms or tidal waves. Recently, we have had localized torrential rains in a short period of time—notably with urban areas resulting in the sudden overflow of rivers, the inundation of roads and houses, the forceful influx of flooded water into basements, and others.

You need to prepare for emergencies to minimize disaster damage. Close the windows and the shutters at night against a storm. Keep drainages as they should be—with nothing preventing water from going down through. Don't let a storm blow anything around your house. Do the "right thing" outdoors as well.