Quick report of preliminary reconnaissance of the 2024 Noto-hanto Earthquake in Japan —No.2—

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Outline of Reconnaissance Work

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Survey Period: 2024.1.12-1.15

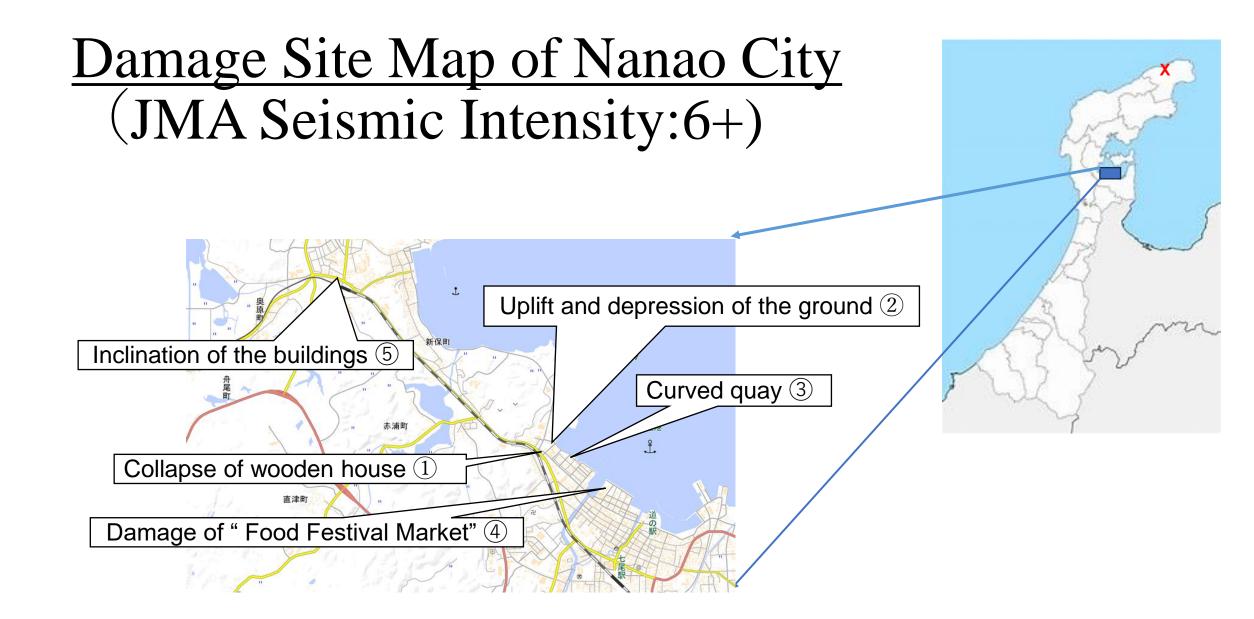
Survey area: Nanao City, Shika Town, Wajima City Monzen, Kanazawa City, Uchinada Town and Niigata City

Outline of Personal Damage

(As of 14:00, 14th of Jan. (13 days after the event))

	Place	Dead	Refgee	Population
1	Suzu city	99	3,843	12,610
2	Wajima city	88	7,611	23,192
3	Noto town	6	2,016	15,524
4	Anamizu town	20	1,825	7,360
⑤	Shika town	2	1,150	18,267
6	Nanao city	5	1,857	48,352
7	Hakui city	1	77	19,893



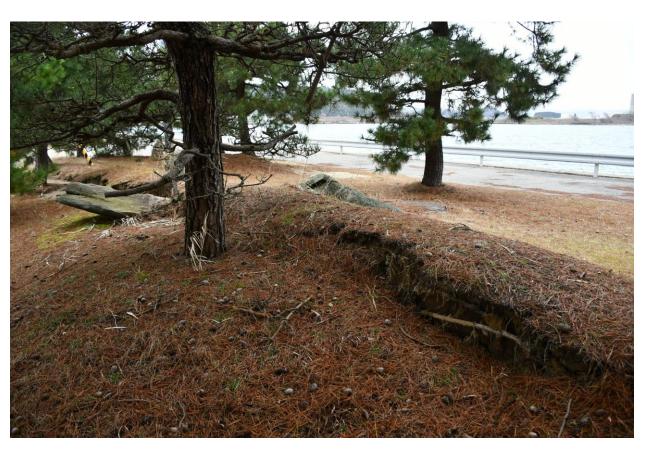






Collapse of wooden house (Map 1)

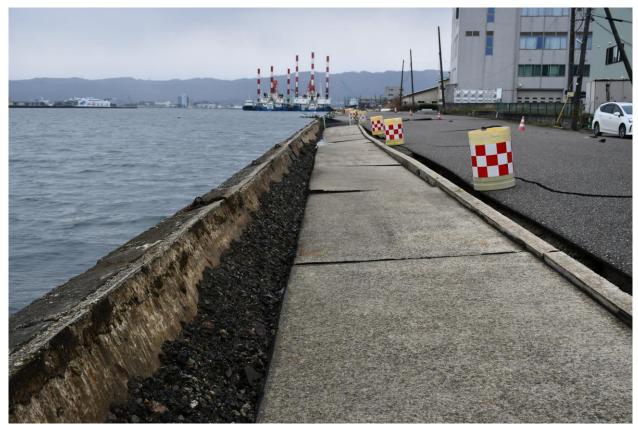
Road cracks and ejected sand due to liquefaction (Map2)





Uplift and depression of the ground due to lateral flow of liquefied ground (Map2)





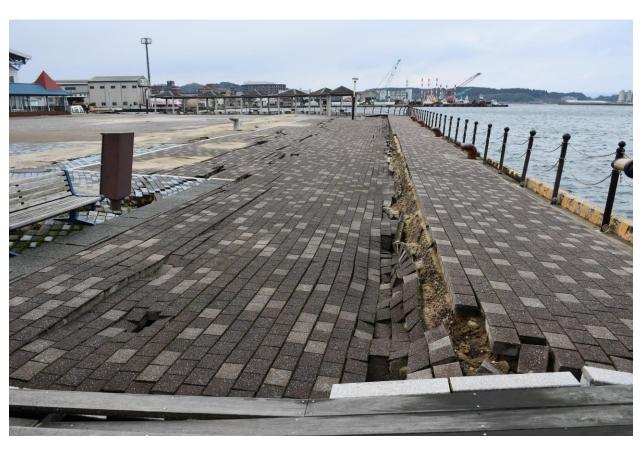
Curved quay (Map3)





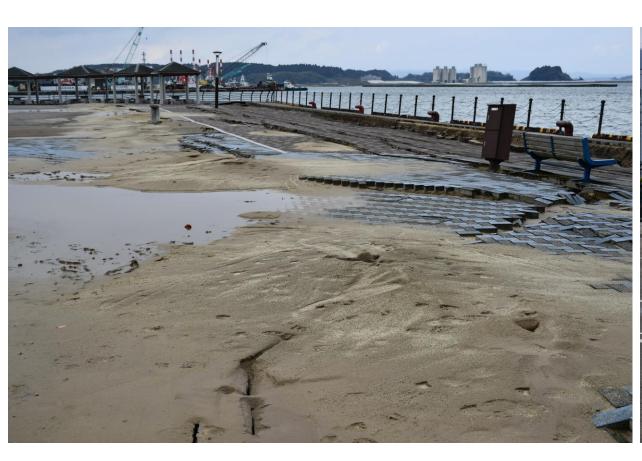
Damage of "Food Festival Market" induced by liquefaction (Map4)

Subsidence of the entrance approach (Map4)





Subsidence and ejected sand due to liquefaction (Map4)





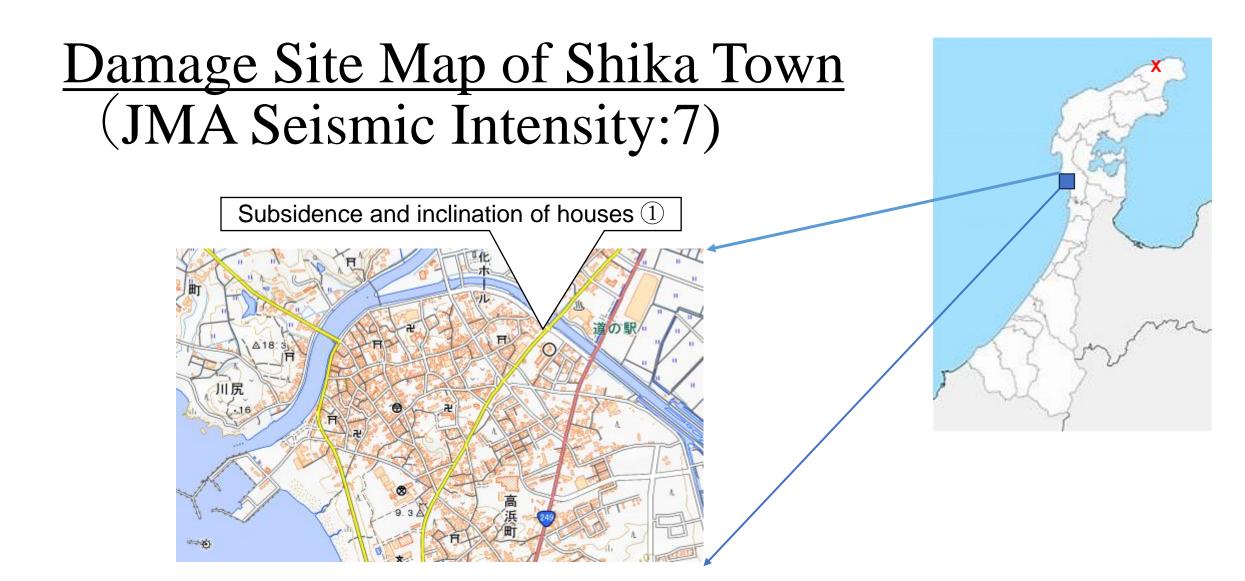
Subsidence and ejected sand due to liquefaction (Map4)

Removal of a large amount of ejected sand in the parking lot (Map4)





Inclination of the buildings in front of Wakura Onsen Station due to liquefaction (Map^⑤)



Sika Town





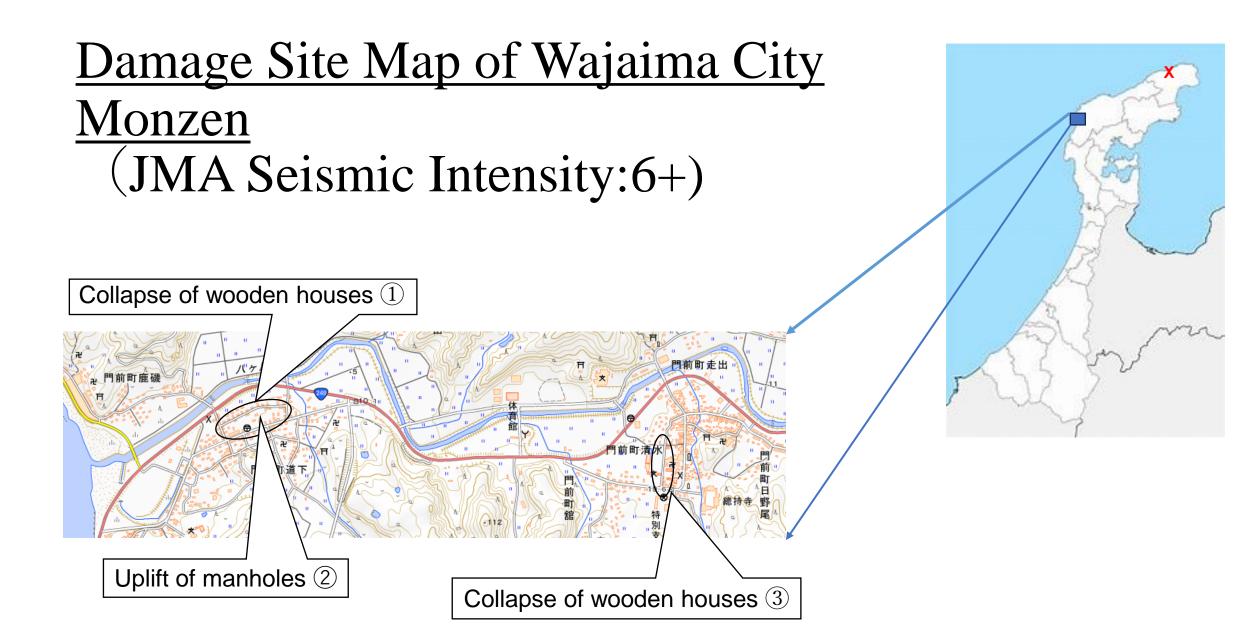
Subsidence and inclination of houses due to liquefaction (Map(1))

Sika Town





Subsidence of houses, utility poles due to liquefaction (Map(1))







Collapse of wooden houses (Map1)





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New houses were undamaged even in the affected area (Map①)





Uplift of manholes (Map2)

Wajima City Monzen, shimizu





Extensive damage to Soujiji Temple (Map3)

Collapse of wooden house (Map3)

Wajima City Monzen, shimizu





Traffic obstructions caused by collapsed houses and floating manholes (Map3)

Damage Site Map of Kanazawa City (JMA Seismic Intensity:5+)





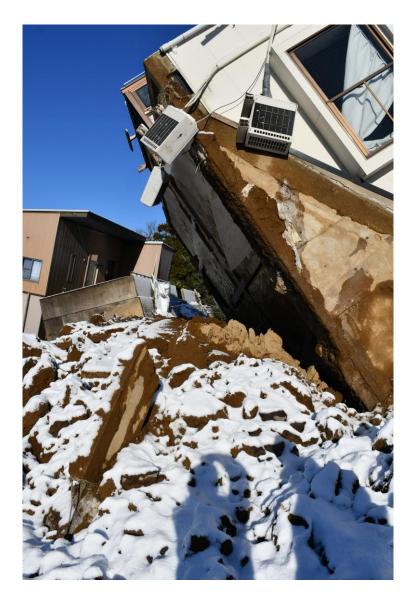


Damage to houses caused by landslides on embankment of developed residential areas (Map1)





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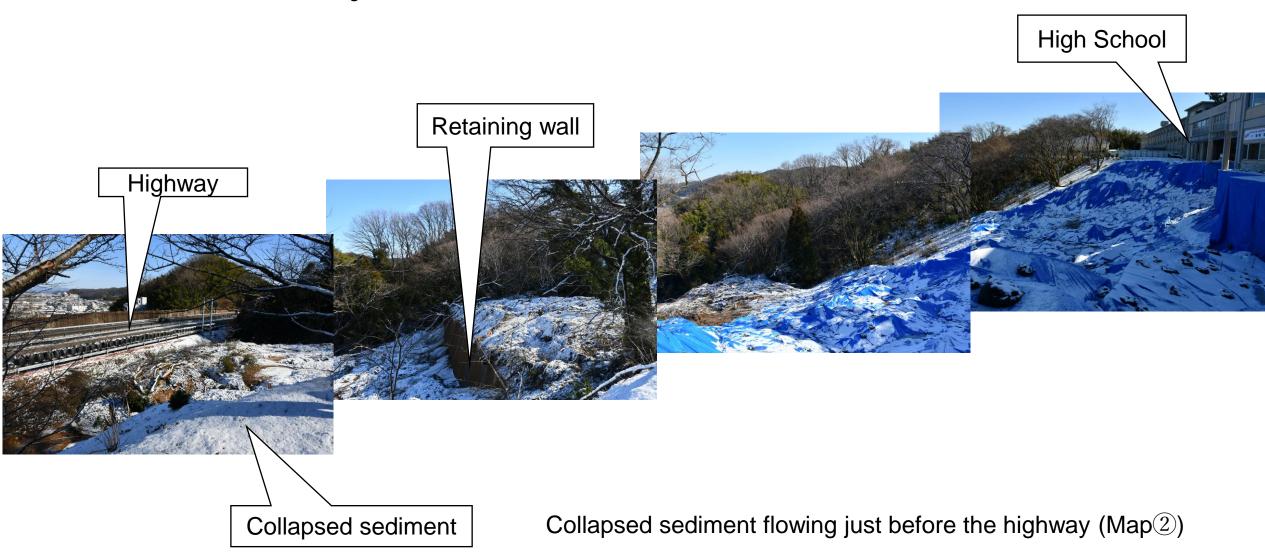


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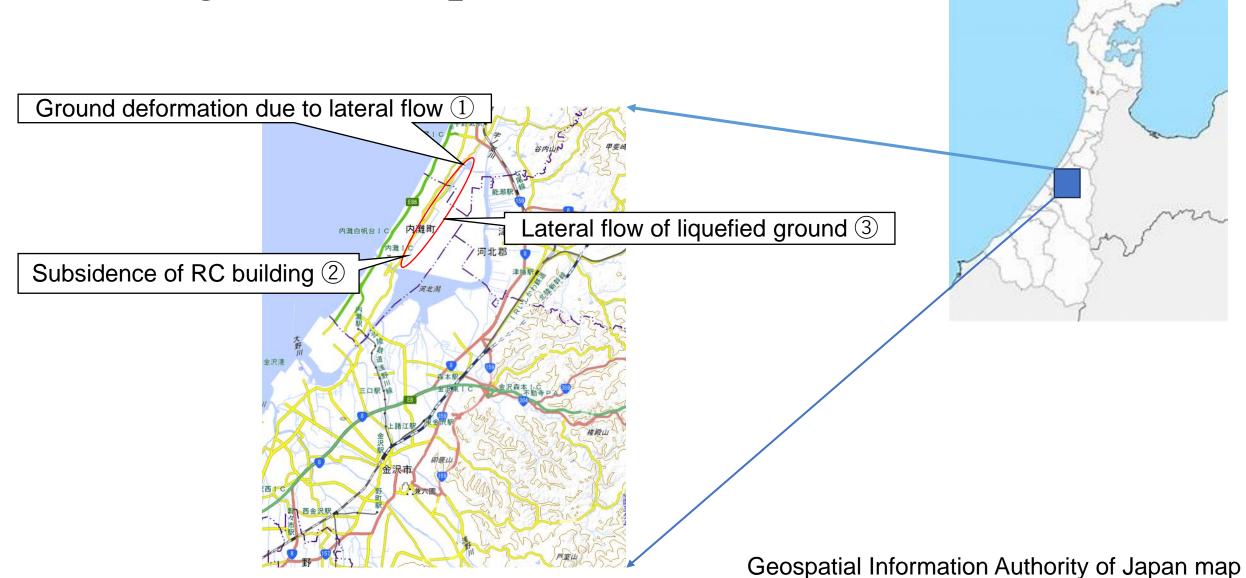




Slope failure on the high school grounds (Map2)



Damage Site Map of Uchinada Town







Ground deformation due to lateral flow (Map(1))





Subsidence of RC building due to liquefaction (Map2)





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Meandering of the road due to lateral flow of liquefied ground (Map3)





Lateral flow of liquefied ground in the dunes hinterland (Map3)





Lateral flow of liquefied ground in the dunes hinterland (Map3)





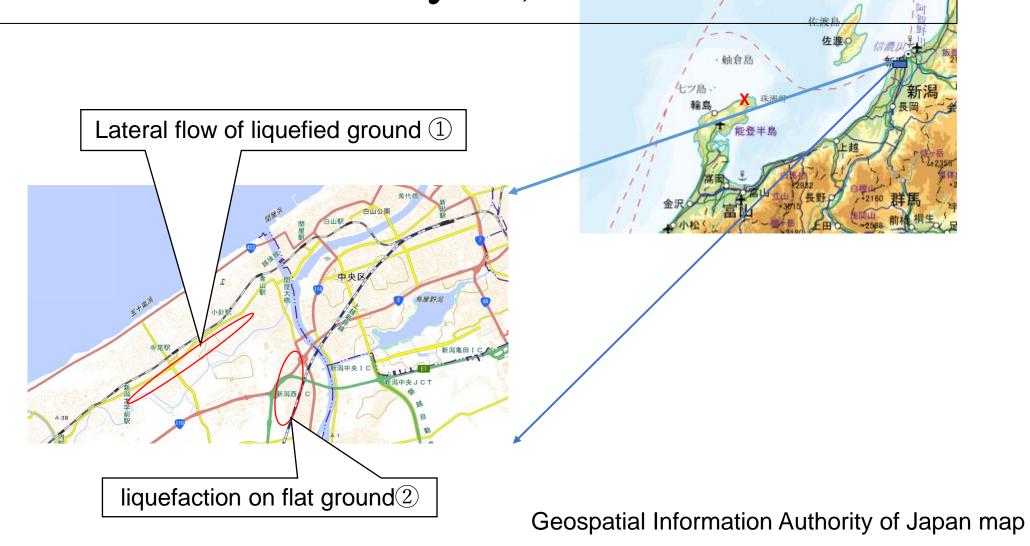
A car trapped in a deformed garage (Map3)





A house with ground improvement was no damage (Map3)

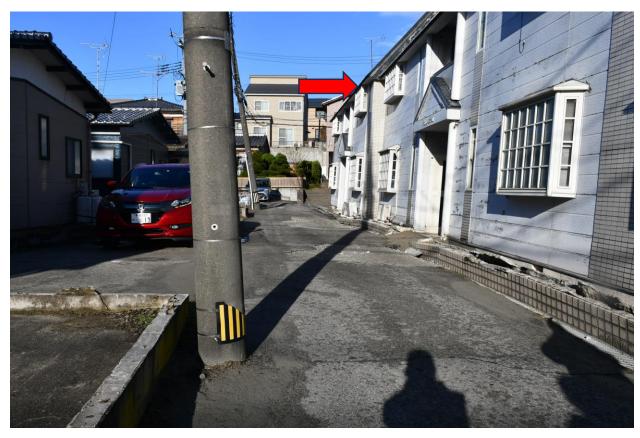
Damage Site Map of Niigata City (JMA Seismic Intensity:6-)







Lateral flow of liquefied ground in the dunes hinterland (Map1)





Subsidence and inclination of utility pole and apartments (Map1)





Uplift of the ground due to lateral flow (Map1)





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Inclination of houses and large amounts of ejected sand due to liquefaction on flat ground (Map2)

Concluding remarks

- The massive earthquake that struck a depopulated and aging area is revealing a variety of issues.
- Water and power outages are still on going in the affected areas, and relief efforts are expected as soon as possible.
- The ground motion itself was very large, but it became clear that the effects of liquefaction and the resulting ground deformation were also large in the affected area.
- The lateral flow of liquefaction in the hinterland of the dunes caused the severe damage to buildings and roads. In particular, it was noticeable in Uchinada Town and Nishi Ward in Niigata City.

The reconnaissance work was conducted as an activity of the residential land group of JGS (Japanese Geotechnical Society). We express sincere appreciation to the group members.

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to those affected by the disaster and pray for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives. We pray for the earliest possible recovery of the affected areas.