To the Residents of Aichi Prefecture

Governor's Message Regarding the Earthquake Centered in Western Shizuoka Prefecture on November 8

Today, at approximately 1:04 a.m., an earthquake centered in western Shizuoka Prefecture occurred. Seismic intensity 5-upper was observed in Chita City, seismic intensity 5-lower in eight municipalities including Seto City, and seismic intensity 4 in thirty municipalities including Nagoya City. Strong shaking was felt across a wide area.

This is the first time in about 30 years that a seismic intensity of 5-upper or greater has been observed in Aichi Prefecture, since the earthquake centered in eastern Aichi Prefecture in March 1997, when Toyohashi City recorded seismic intensity 5-upper.

In areas that experienced strong shaking, the risk of falling rocks and landslides has increased.

In addition, earthquakes of a similar scale may occur for about one week after the main shock.

Please be especially vigilant for large earthquakes during the next two to three days.

When cleaning up scattered dishes, broken glass, and other items damaged by the earthquake, please take every precaution to avoid injury. Also, secure furniture and take measures to prevent glass from shattering again.

We ask all residents to pay close attention to information and advisories issued by the national government and local authorities and to remain fully prepared for possible aftershocks.

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Hideaki Ohmura, Governor of Aichi Prefecture