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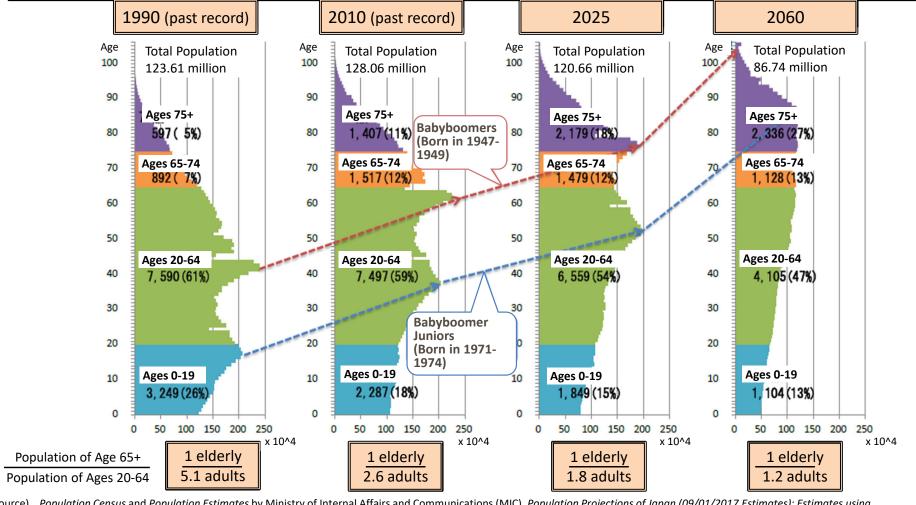


## **Country Report**

Japan Medical Association

#### **Changes in the Population Pyramid (1990-2060)**

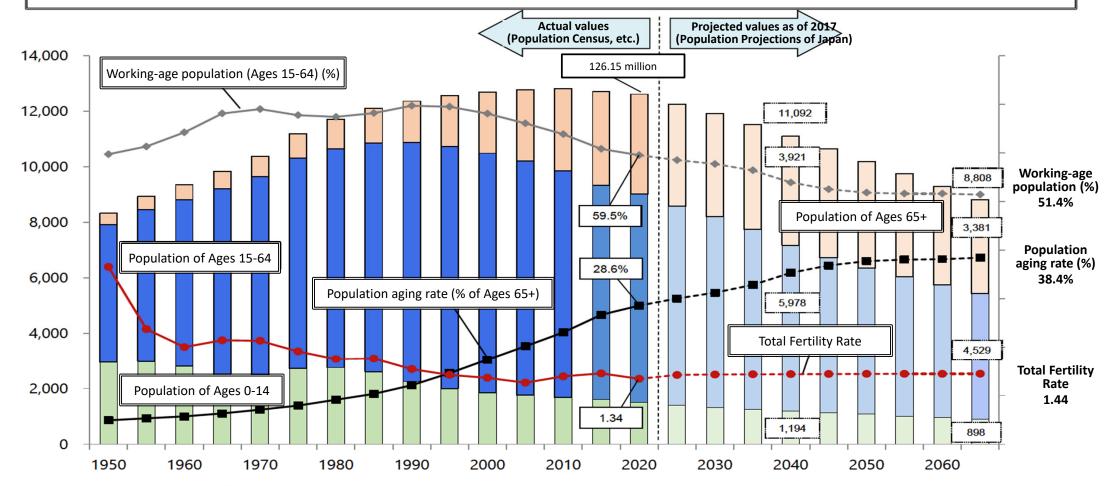
• The population structure of Japan shows that currently 1.8 adults are supporting 1 elderly person. However, with the further decreasing birthrate and advancing population aging, 1.2 adults will be supporting 1 elderly person in 2060.



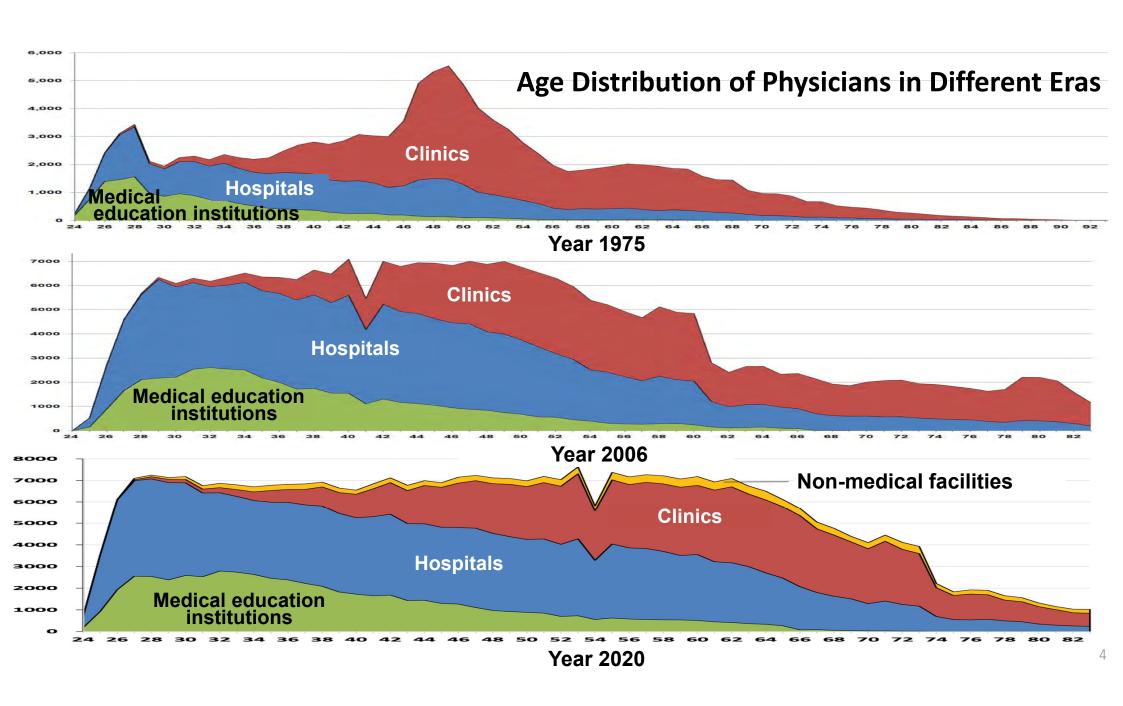
(Source) Population Census and Population Estimates by Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC). Population Projections of Japan (09/01/2017 Estimates): Estimates using moderate birth and moderate death settings by National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS) (as of October 1 of each year).

#### **Population Trends in Japan**

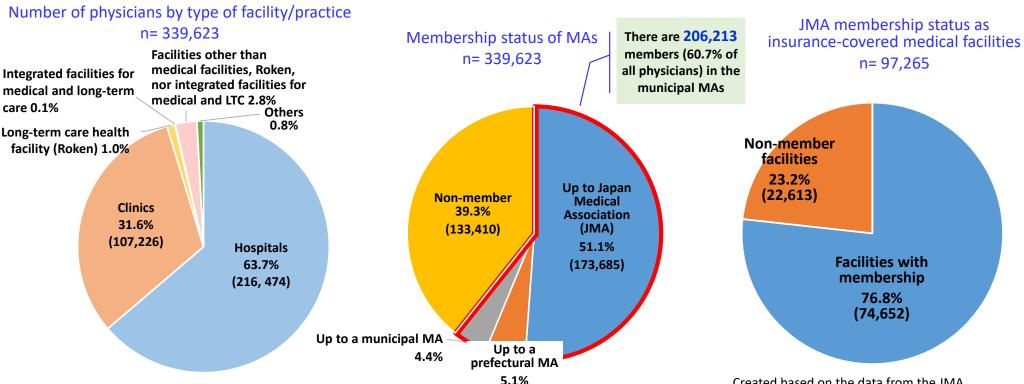
• The population of Japan has been in a declining phase in recent years. In 2065, the total population will fall below 90 million and the aging rate will be at 38% level.



Source: For up to 2020, *Population Estimates* by MIC (as of October 1 of each year), etc. For total fertility rate, *Population Dynamics Estimates* by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW). For 2025 and after, *Population Projections of Japan (2017 Estimates): Estimates using moderate birth and moderate death settings* by IPSS.



#### **Membership Status of Medical Associations (MAs)**



80% of medical facilities are private!

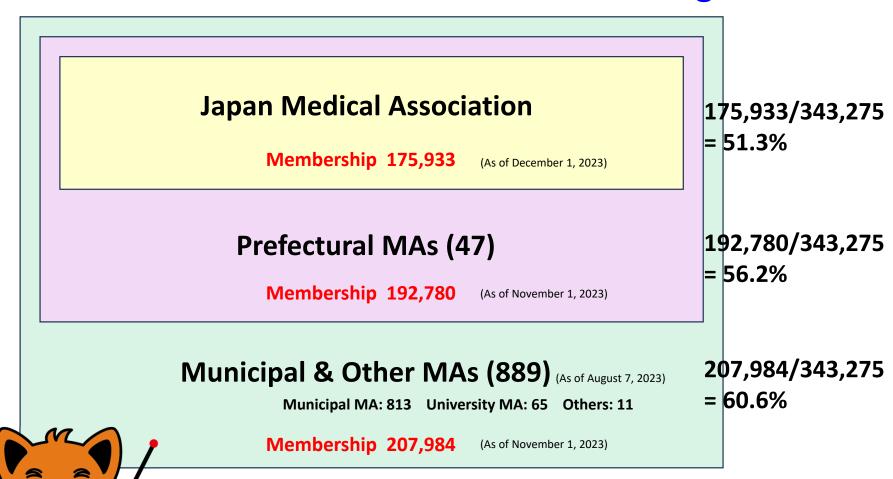
Created based on the results of the JMA FY2020 survey on the number of hospital physician members and the establishment status of hospital physician committees.

Created based on the data from the JMA membership information (as of the end of December 2022) and the list of medical institutions and pharmacies covered by health insurance (as of the beginning of January 2023), which were verified by JMA Membership Information Office.

Note: The membership count is based on the matching of the medical institution names in the JMA membership information and the MHLW data. Only the medical institutions with confirmed membership are counted as "members."

<sup>\*60.7%</sup> of physicians are members of municipal MAs.

### **Three-tiered Structure of the Medical Association Organization**



- Each MA tier operates independently.
- The current bylaw requires a Municipal MA membership to join a Prefectural MA and a Prefectural MA membership to join the JMA.

## The Role of Medical Associations

- Protect the lives and health of the people!
- · Protect the medical activities of physicians!

For these purposes, the JMA will work to influence the government to reflect the opinions of medical professionals in national policies.

### Social Insurance Structure in JAPAN **Insurers Medical Fee Social Insurance** Reimbursement **Premiums Insurance** Claims Card Copayment **Insured Persons** Healthcare (Citizens) **Institutions Medical Services Benefits in kind**

#### Flow of Revision of Medical Fee

The revision of medical fees is,

- 1. based on the revision rate decided by the Cabinet through the budgeting process,
- 2. based on the "Basic Policy" formulated by the Social Security Council's Health Insurance Subcommittee and Medical Subcommittee,
- 3. implemented by the Central Social Insurance Medical Council, which deliberates on the setting of specific medical treatment fee points, etc.

#### **Cabinet**

Revision rates are determined through the budgeting process

**Determination of** total medical expenses

**Decision-making on** healthcare policy

Allocation of medical expenses

#### **Social Security Council**

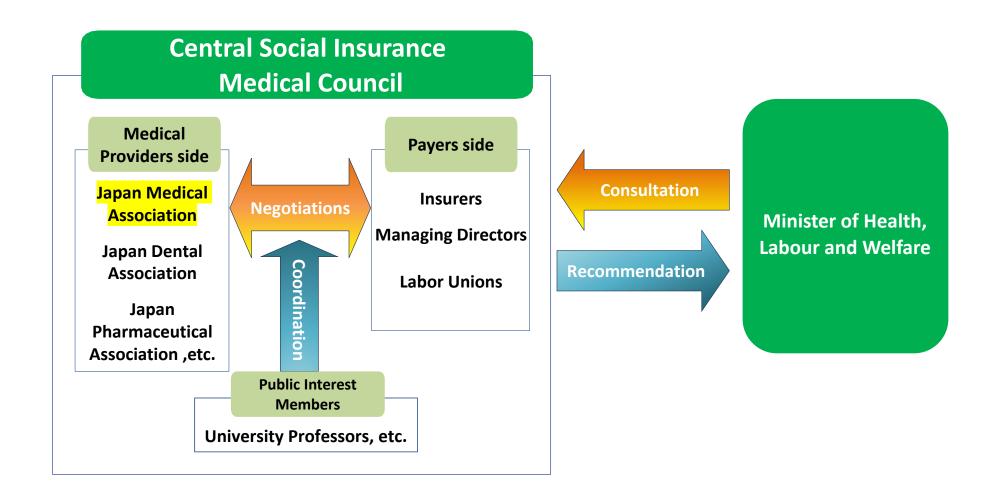
**Medical Insurance Subcommittee Medical Care Subcommittee** 

- Discussion on basic health care policy
- Formulating "Basic Policy" for medical fee revision

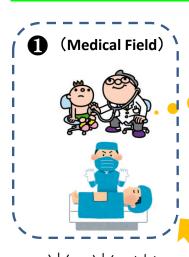
#### **Central Social Insurance Medical Council**

- Discussion based on the "Basic Policy" decided by the Social Security Council
- Deliberation on fee point setting and calculation conditions for individual medical fee items

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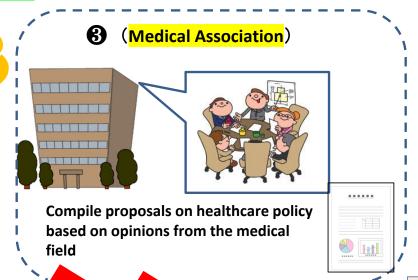


# Why is it necessary to strengthen organizational capacity? → How the health policy will be implemented?



We could provide better healthcare if we did...

Opinions, etc. from the medical field (members)



**⑤**New healthcare system

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Better healthcare

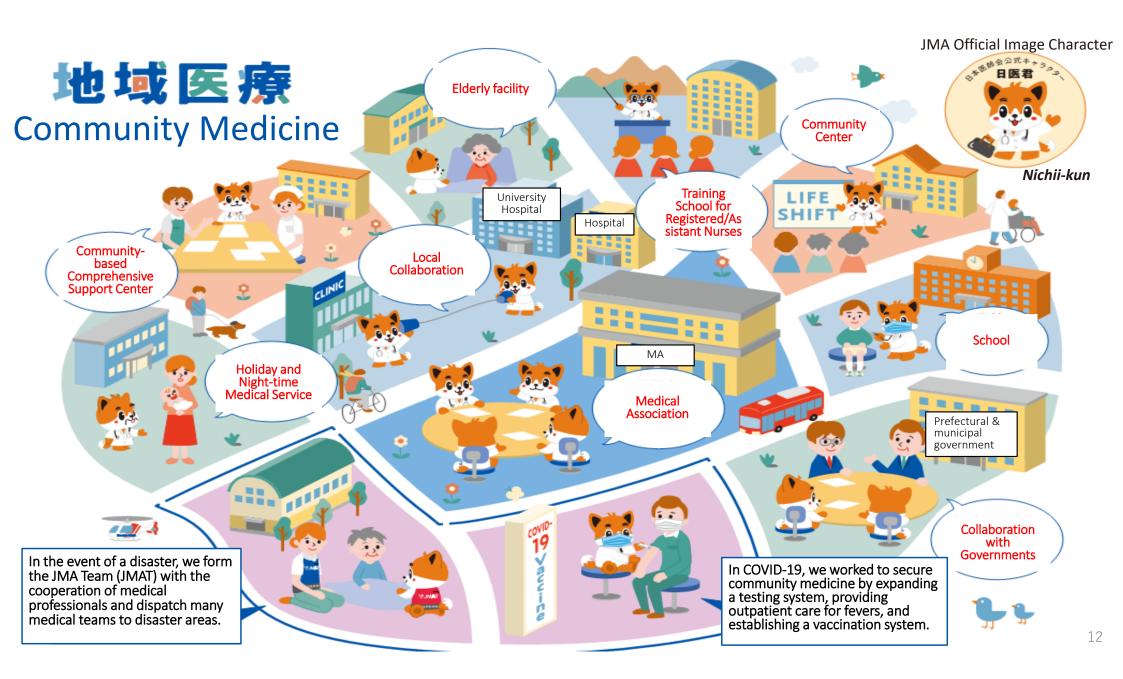
is realized



for the realization of proposals, etc.

Medical organizations other than medical associations, Economic organizations, etc.

Which groups' requests should be prioritized...?
The group with the loudest voice.
Elections are coming up...
Groups that will support you in the election?
What is the organization rate?
How many votes will they get in the House of Councilors proportional district?

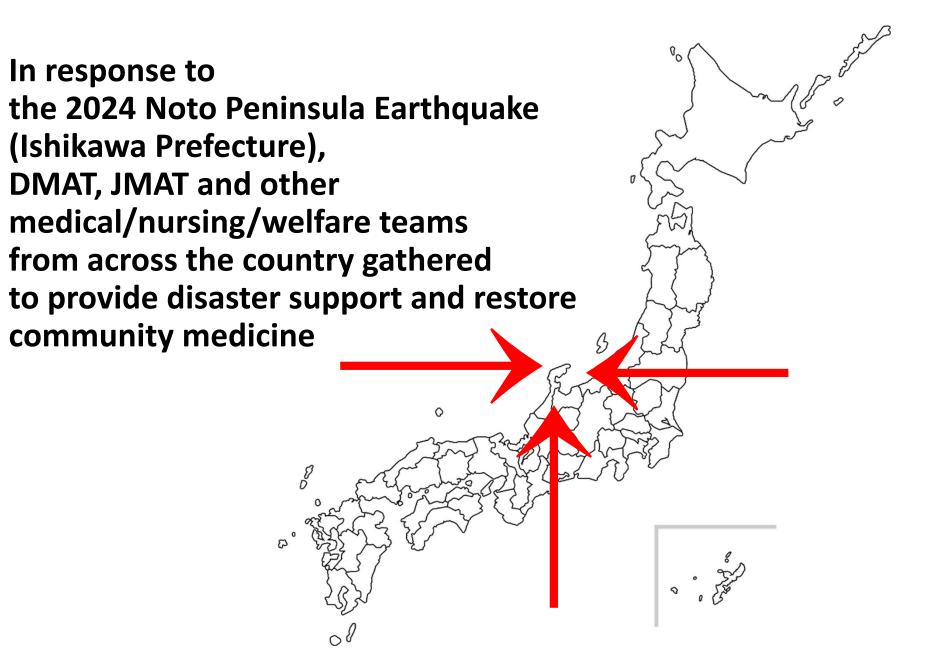


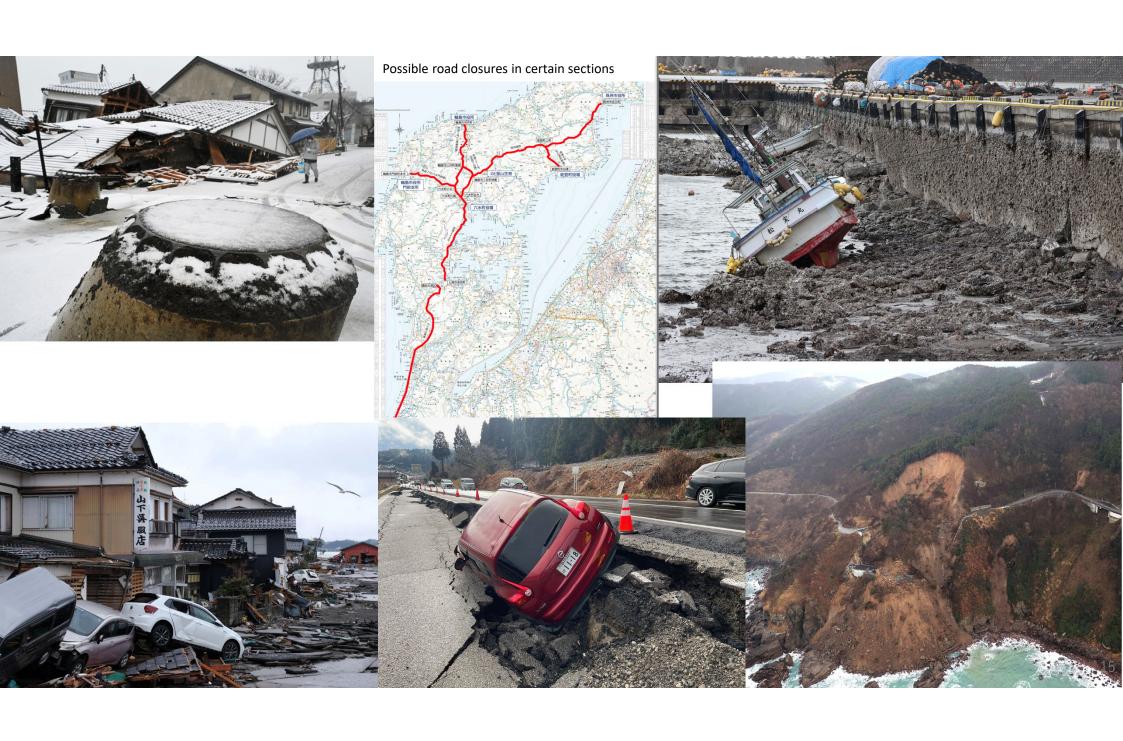
## **Community-based Medical Association Activities**

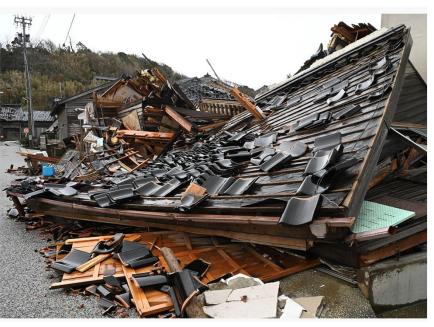
- 1. After-hours/emergency services in the community
- 2. Public welfare activities of governments and MAs
  - 3. Community health & public health activities
    - 4. Multidisciplinary collaboration
      - 5. Other efforts



Representing physicians in practice, each MA cooperates and negotiates with the corresponding government.

















# DMAT

**Disaster Medical Assistant Team** 

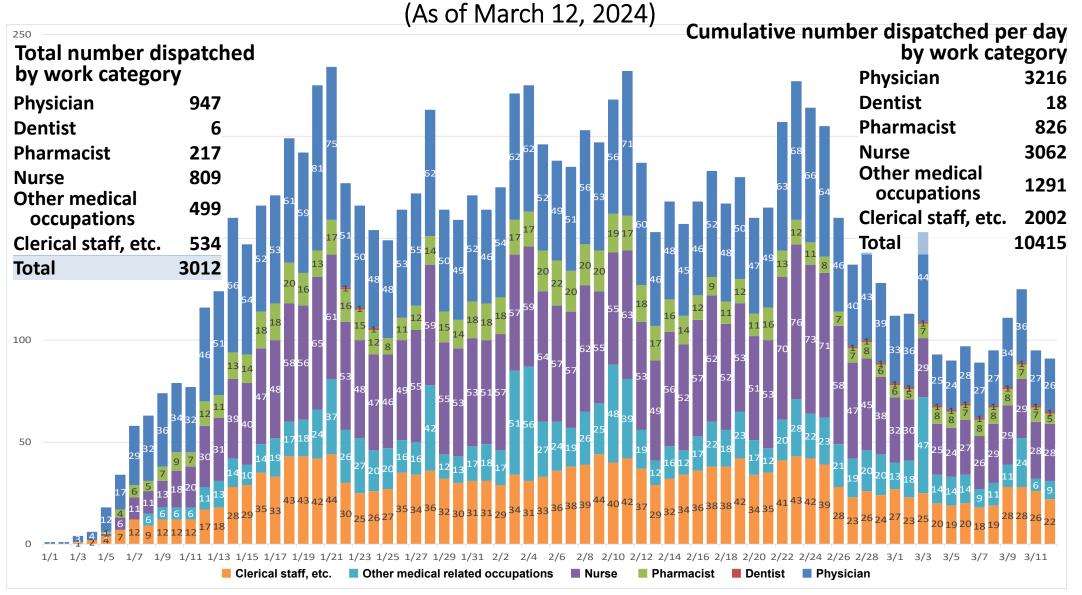
# JMAT

**Japan Medical Association Team** 

- Each team consists of 1 physician, 2 nursing staff, and 1 clerical staff
- Dispatched to disaster areas to provide medical care and health management at first-aid stations, shelters, etc. in the event of a disaster



Number of JMAT Teams Dispatched to the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake













Medical Support for the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

