

Overview of the Damage by the 1995 Kobe Earthquake

- 1) The earthquake registered the seismic intensity VII , the highest intensity on the JMA scale, which is approximately equal to XI or XII on the MMI scale.
- 2) It killed more than 6,000 people, destroyed not only numerous buildings, but also highway/ railway bridges and harbors, and caused a fatal damage to urban facilities due to liquefaction of soils and the disruption of lifeline systems.
- 3) The total value of the direct damage amounted to about 100 billion USD.