

## **Announcement from the Osaka Prefectural Government**

Based on the earthquake that occurred on August 8, 2024 with Hyuganada, Miyazaki Prefecture as the epicenter, the Japanese government announced a "Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary Warning." Additionally, the Osaka Prefectural Government set up the Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Command Headquarters to collect necessary information and to confirm communication with related organizations. The prefecture has also prepared for possible earthquakes and has urged for local governments to check their earthquake measures.

The Japanese government has announced that the "Nankai Trough Temporary Earthquake Warning" and its special government advisory will be lifted at 5:00pm today (August 15<sup>th</sup>). Following this, Osaka Prefecture will also lift the temporary warning and disband the Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Command Headquarters.

Osaka Prefecture has asked its residents to prepare for a possible earthquake occurrence in the Nankai Trough and the prefecture would like to express its deepest gratitude to all residents for your cooperation.

However, there is still the possibility of a large-scale earthquake occurring at any time.

Please continue to be prepared daily (how to check family members' safety, keeping a stock of emergency supplies etc.) and regularly re-check your preparations. Also, please continue to check the route to and the location of evacuation centers to be able to act appropriately and overall, please continue to prepare to respond to a possible earthquake.