DISASTER PREPAREDNESS LECTURE

If Disaster Strikes, Can Everyone Evacuate Safely?

Disaster Preparedness from Women's Perspectives

What does a safe and welcoming evacuation shelter look like?

Disasters can affect anyone. But the needs and challenges people face during evacuation and at shelters are different. Thinking about disaster preparedness from women's perspectives helps build a community where everyone can evacuate with dignity and peace of mind—including children, older adults, people with disabilities, and people living with pets.

SUNDAY
NOV 29, 2026

13:00–16:00
Cooking experience: doors open 13:00
Lecture reception: 13:30

FREE ADMISSION
Everyone is welcome

VENUE Old Former Starch Factory, Niseko Chuo Soukogun(Former Starch Factory), Niseko Town, Hokkaido



Emergency preparedness activity at a community venue (photo)

13:00–

Emergency Meal Preparation & Tasting

Hosted with the Niseko Town Disaster Management Team. See how emergency meals are prepared, try adding hot water to long-life emergency food, and sample the results.

Limited servings.
Program details may change.



Long-life emergency food prepared with hot water

14:00–



Guest Lecture by Shizue Sumitomo

Disaster Preparedness for Women
What can we learn from weather and disaster-prevention expertise to make evacuation safer and more inclusive?

Speaker
Shizue Sumitomo
Certified Weather Forecaster / Hokkaido Disaster Education Advisor / Certified Social Worker / Weather & Disaster Prevention Advisor / Member of the Hokkaido Disaster Management Council

Please note: The lecture will be given in Japanese only.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Shizue Sumitomo shares knowledge about weather and disasters and works to strengthen disaster education and community preparedness. Drawing on her experience as a weather presenter, she speaks about practical readiness and building communities where everyone can live safely and with confidence.

HOSTED BY Niseko International Women's Association **IN COOPERATION WITH** Niseko Town Disaster Management Team (emergency meal experience and tasting)

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The Niseko International Women's Association welcomes members aged 16 and over, regardless of nationality or place of residence. Men are also welcome. Please contact us for details.