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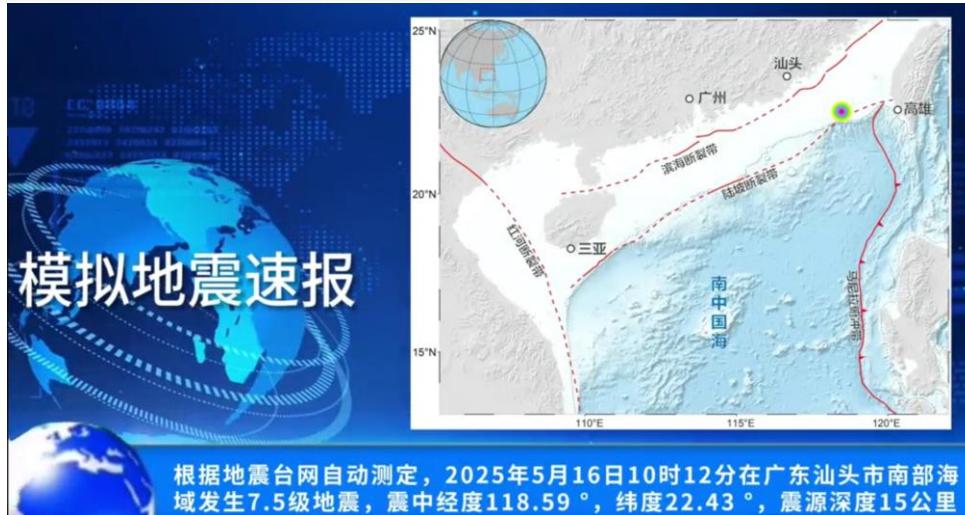
# Tsunami Hazard Assessment for Shantou University with Disaster Prevention Strategies Informed

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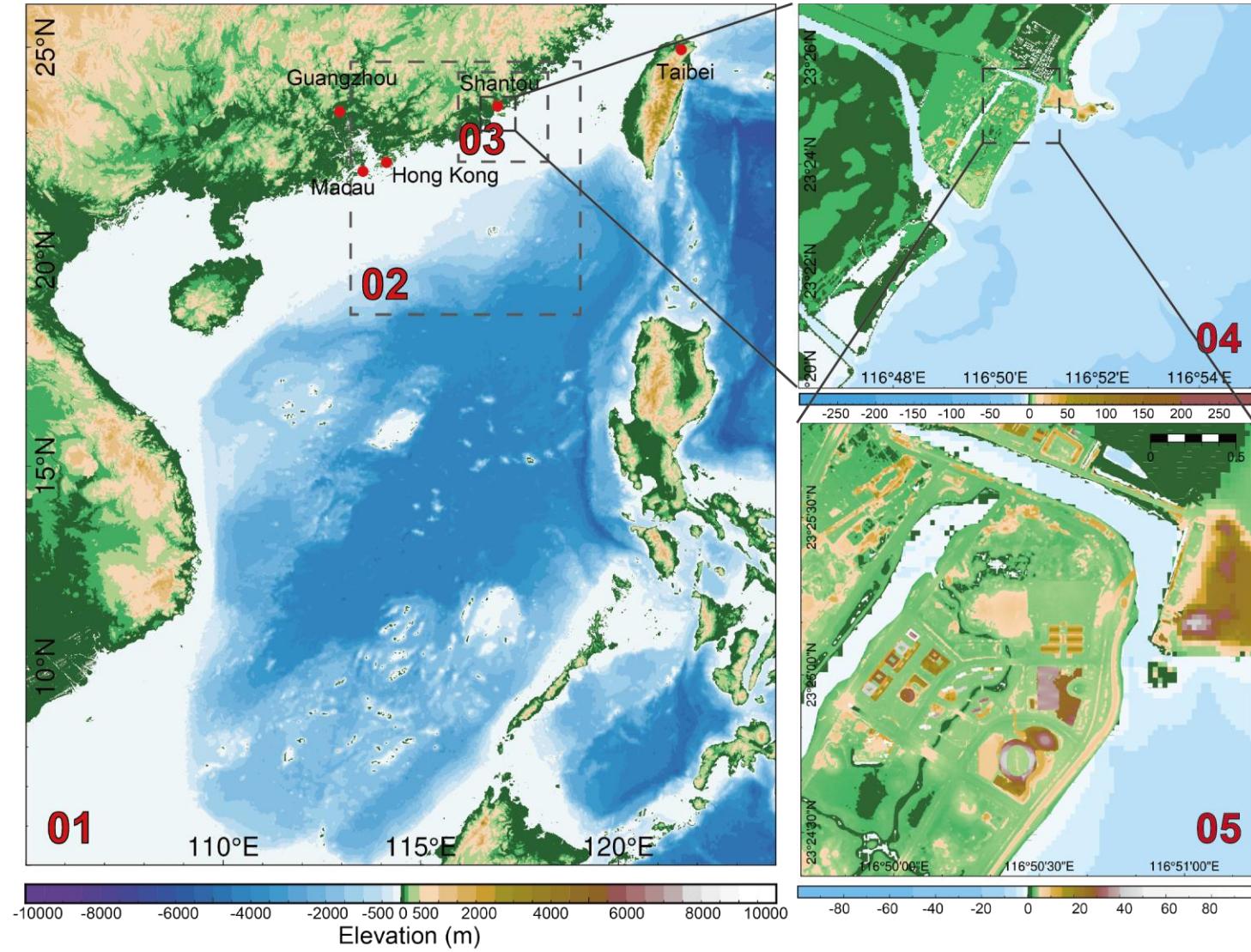
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# Specific Study area (Shantou University)

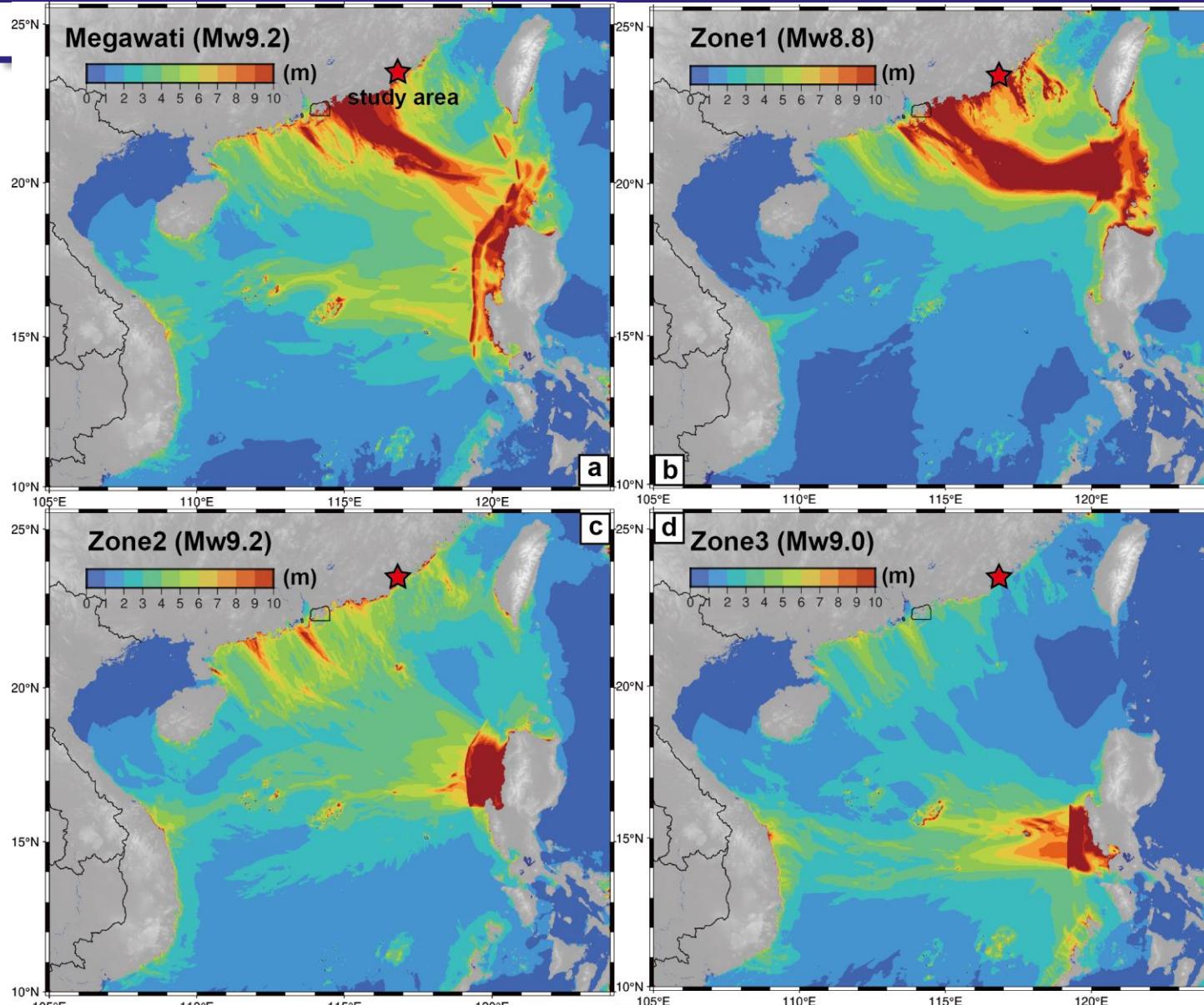


Live Evacuation View



Shantou University Location and DEM

# Tsunami source and Data Acquisition



Maximum Wave Height for the Four Manila Trench Scenarios

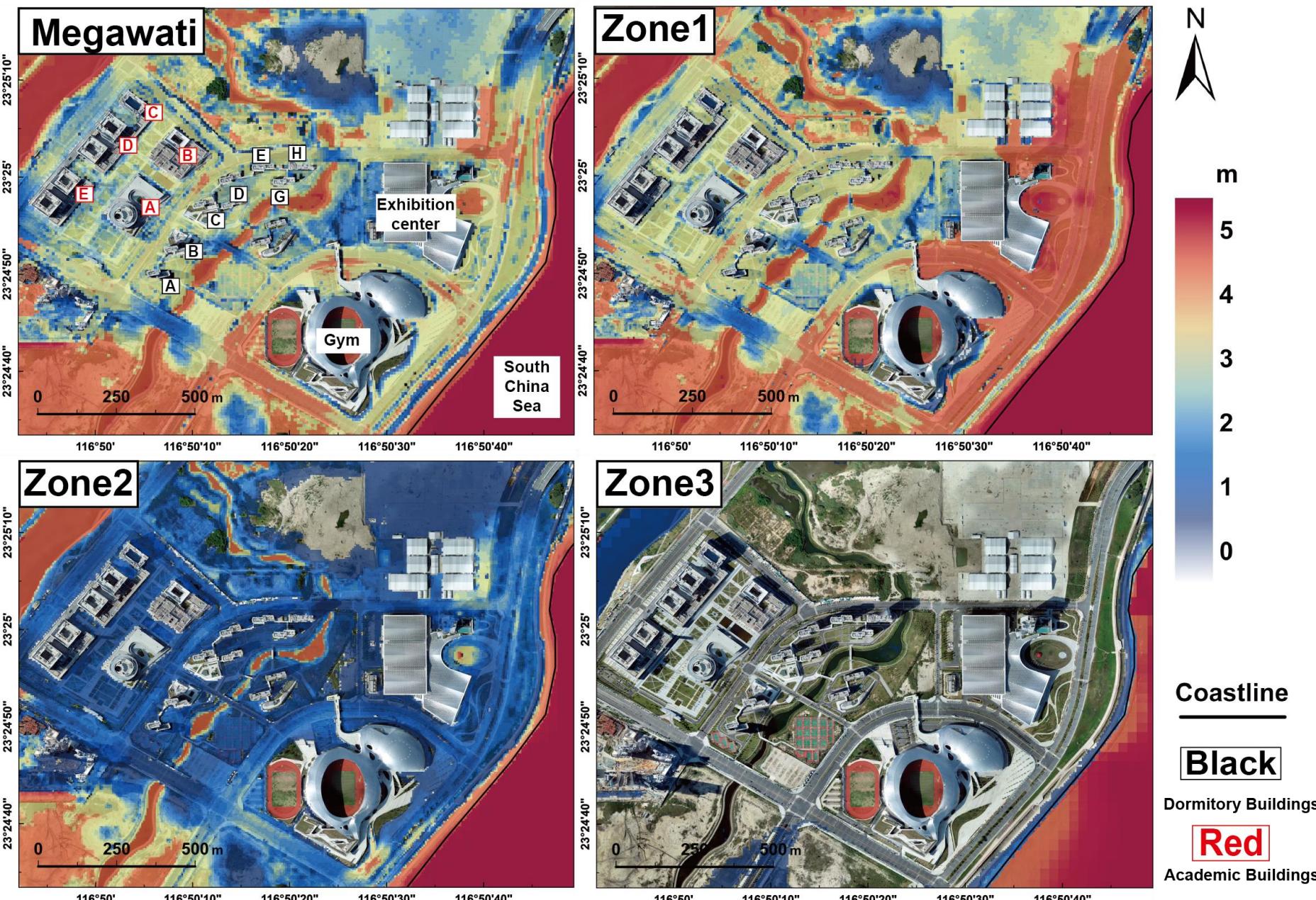


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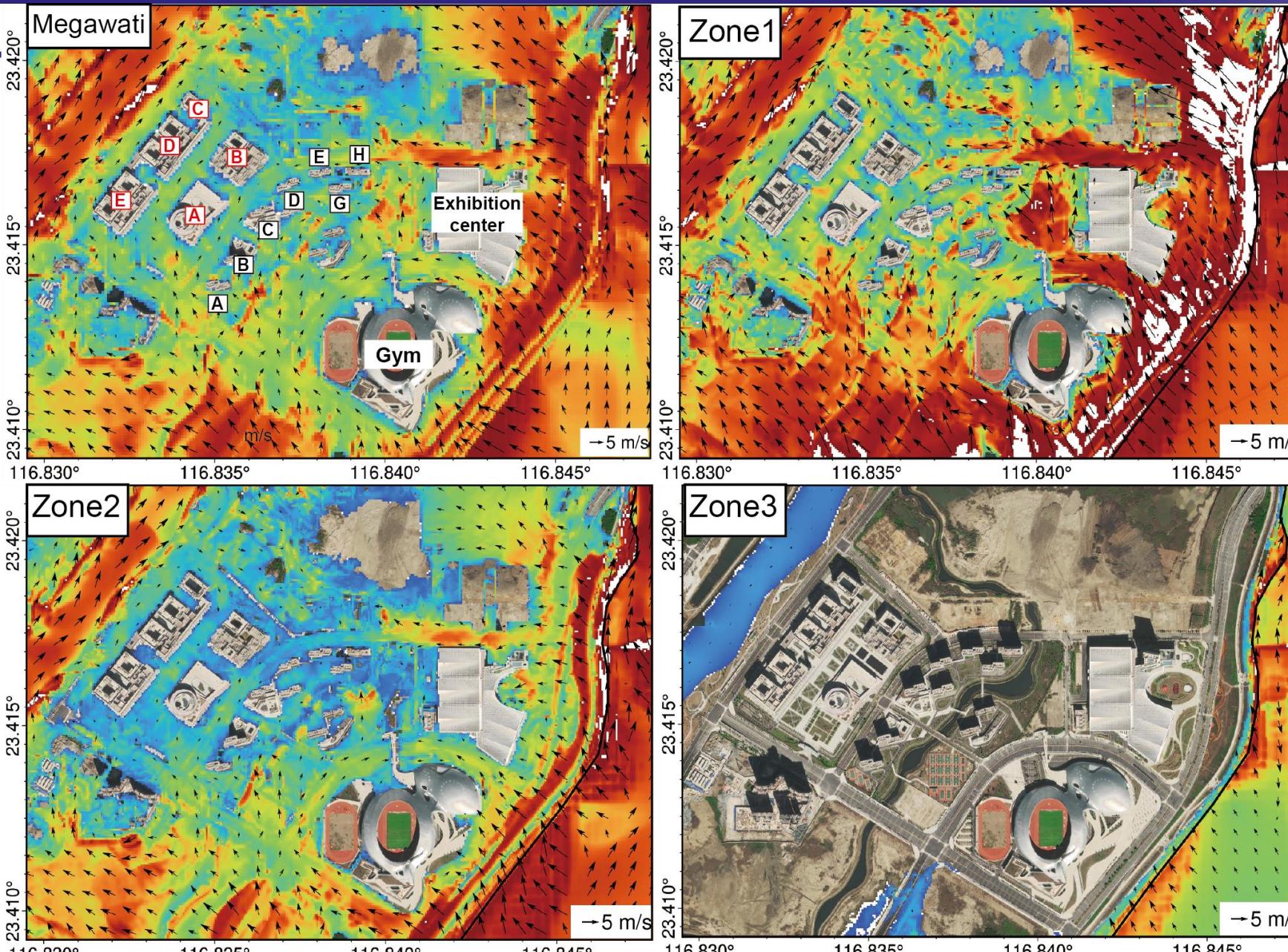
3D Model of Shantou University

# Maximum Inundation Depth



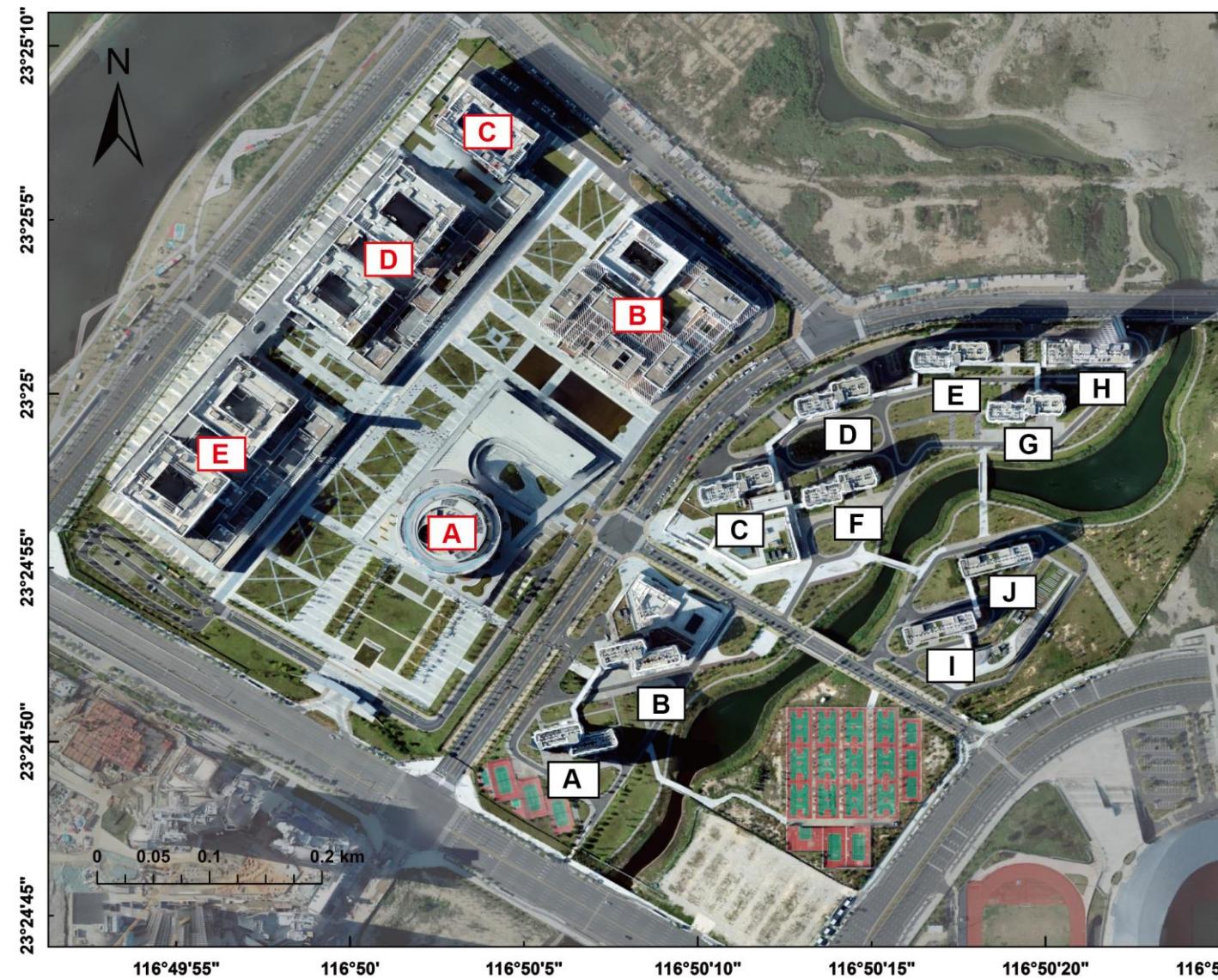
- The northern segment of the Manila subduction zone(zone1) leads to the deepest flooding.
- Overall, the tsunami wave height at the coastline ranges between 10~15 meters, leading to an inland inundation depth of 1~4 meters within the study area.

# Maximum Flow velocity and Direction



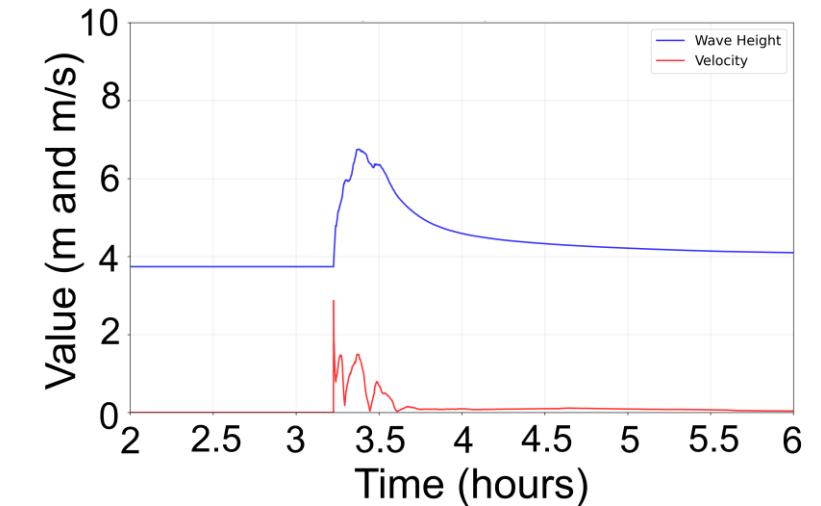
- Overall, the maximum flow velocity of the tsunami as it reaches the coastline exceeds **10 m/s**, while the maximum flow velocity across the entire campus ranges between **1–4 m/s**.
- The overall flow was observed to be in a **north-northwesterly direction**.

# Hydrodynamic Force



## Digital Orthophoto Map and Critical Facility Numbering

Black Labels: Dormitory Buildings; Red Labels: Academic Buildings



$$F_d = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_d B (h u^2)_{\max} \quad (\text{FEMA, 2012})$$

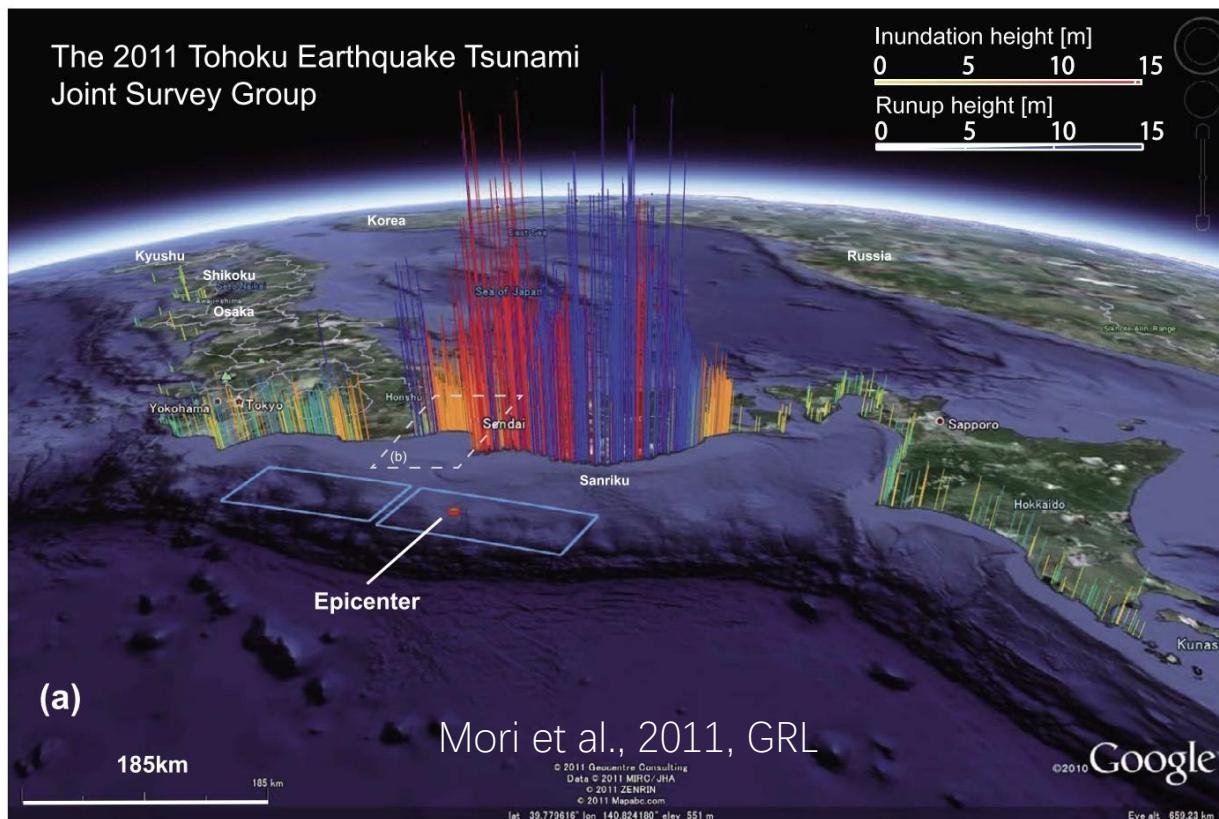
|                 | Megawati | Zone1 | Zone2 |
|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|
| Dorm Building A | 424      | 66    | 25    |
| Dorm Building C | 150      | 79    | 3     |
| Acad Building A | 366      | 108   | 18    |
| Acad Building E | 377      | 95    | 27    |

# Key points:

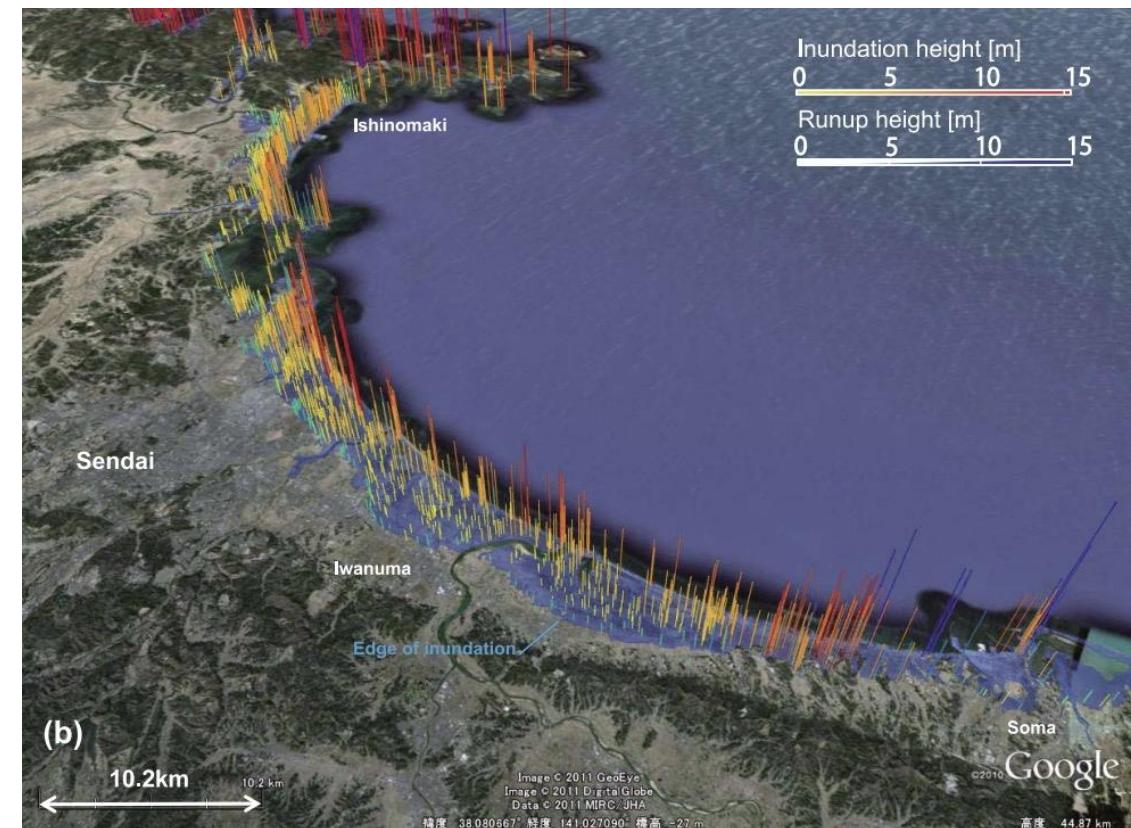
- This study presents one of the first few studies to assess tsunami risk to high-rise buildings. Tsunami risk assessment from the **Manila Trench** was performed for the **Shantou University** campus (China) using high-resolution DEM data (**5 m**) which leverages topographic and building data acquired via UAVs.
- Unlike previous studies which use hydrodynamic force derived from maximum inundation depth and maximum flow velocity, this study uses non-equivalent hydrodynamic force. Maximum force in the Shantou University campus was found to be **424 KN (Dormitory Building A)**.
- **Several buildings were also identified to be unsafe from tsunami impacts, which informs the design of evacuation plans for the Shantou University Campus.**

# 2011 Mw9.0 Japan Tohoku Tsunami: Impact on Japan

- 297 researchers from 63 universities and institutions in Japan participated.
- 2000 km of coastline.
- 5300 Measurements.

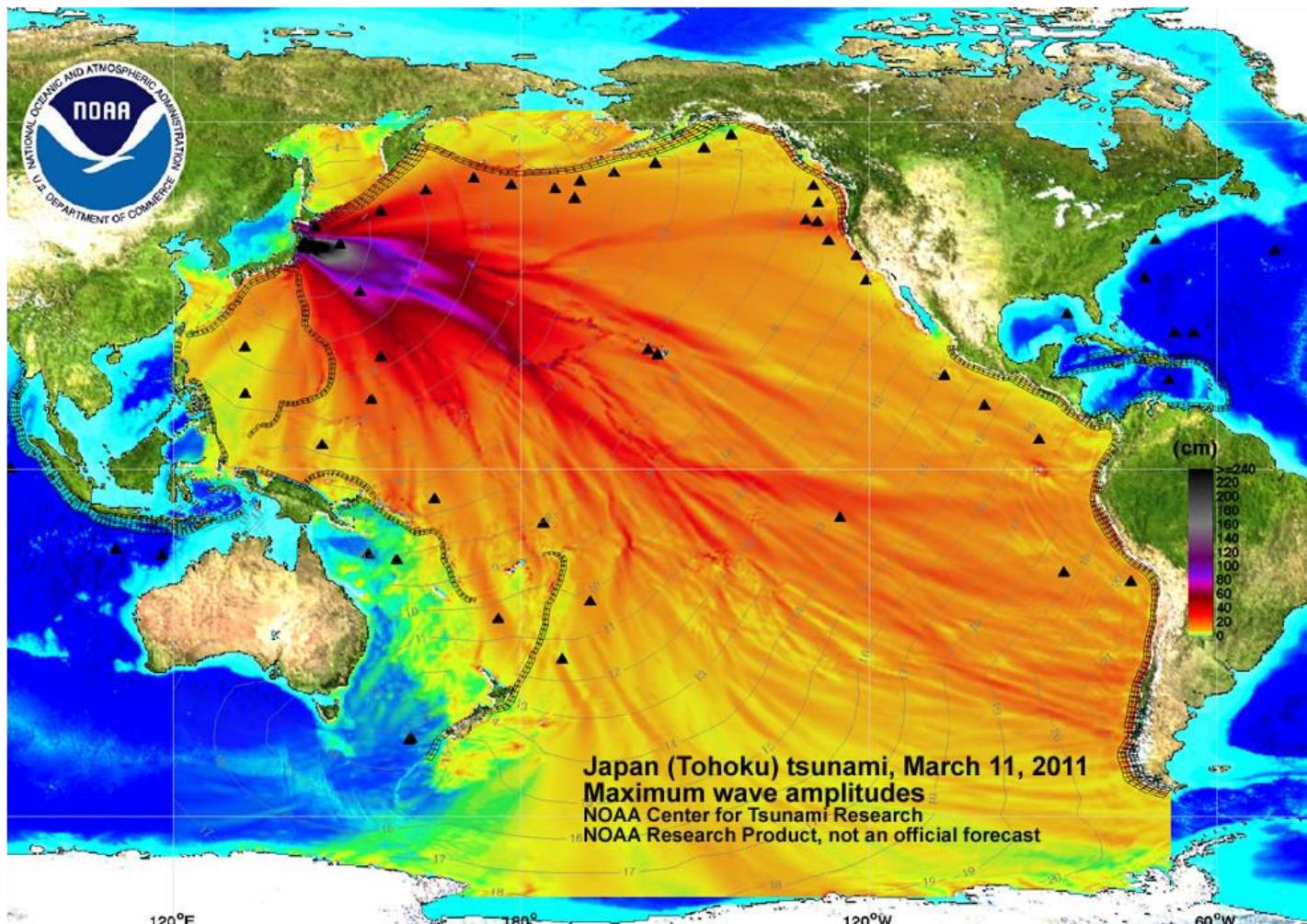


- Maximum tsunami wave height: **39.7m**.
- **290 km** of coastline had a maximum run-up height **over 20m**.
- Maximum inundation distance on the Sendai Plain: **5 km**.



# 2011 Mw9.0 Japan Tohoku Tsunami: Global Impact

**Economic Loss:** Approximately USD 235 billion



## Near-field Impact:

Damaged 28612 ships, 319 pier and 1725 port facilities.

Direct economic losses: USD 12 billion.

## Far-field Impact:

Tsunami-induced strong currents caused about USD 90 million in damages along the U.S. West Coast.



a) Oarai Port, Japan



b) Crescent City Harbor, USA



c) Pillar Point Harbor, USA

# Tsunami Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Practices in Sendai City

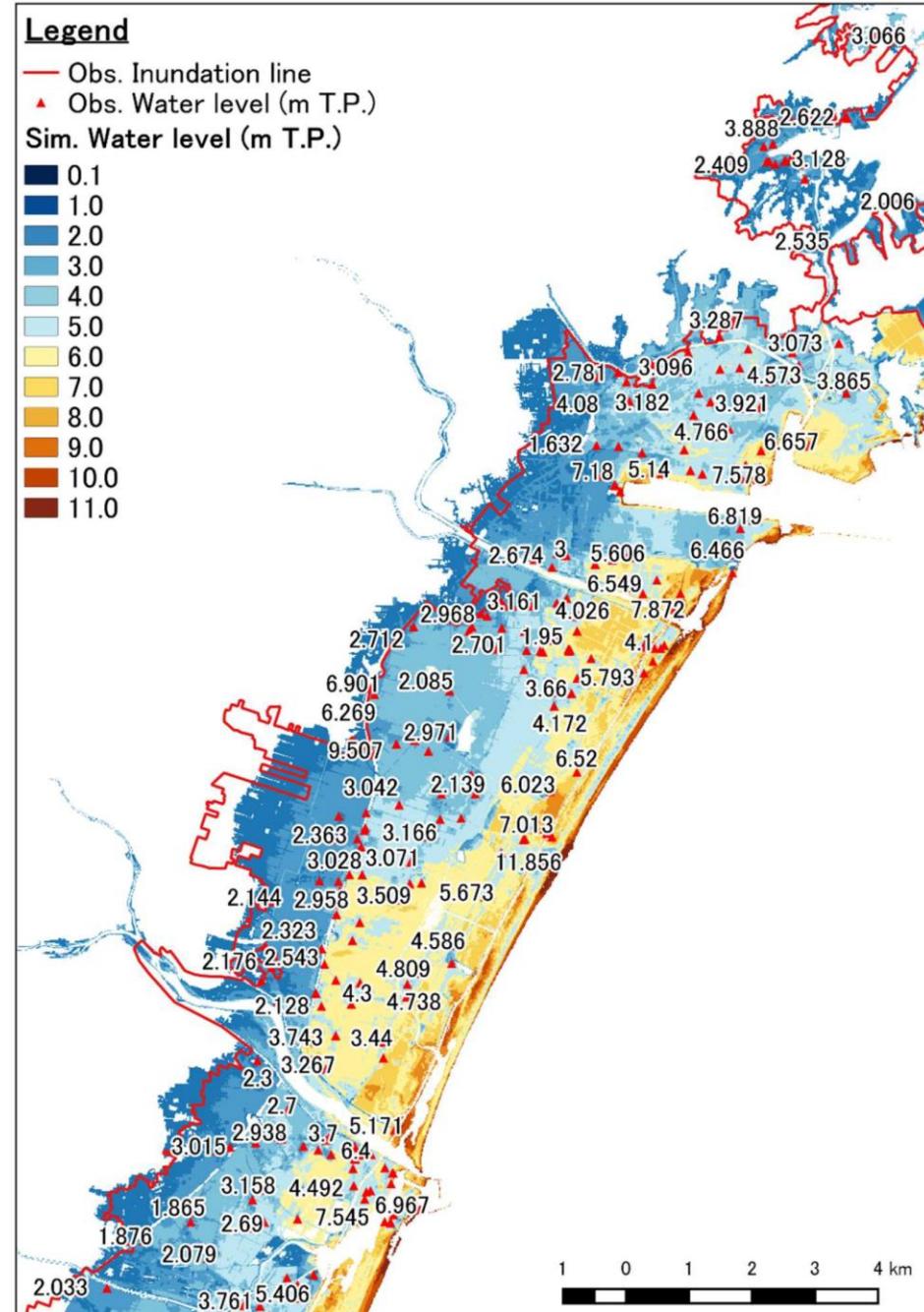
# Remembrance & Warning—Case Studies

- Arahama Elementary School, Sendai
- Nakahama Elementary School, Sendai

# Protection and Evacuation—Response

## Measures

- Line: Seawalls, canals, elevated roads
- Point: Evacuation facilities, “Millennium Hope Hills



# Remembrance & Warning

## Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Sendai Arahama Elementary School

**Before the Tsunami**



**After the Tsunami**



仙台市  
若林区荒浜

海と貞山堀、水田の思ひを  
受け、半農半漁の営みも多い  
荒浜。深沼海水浴場は仙台  
市民のオアシスだ。津波で全  
域が浸水し、海岸線から約700  
メートルにある荒浜小は、4階建  
での建物が2階まで水没したも  
のの津波に耐え、上層階に避  
難した児童や住民約320人の  
命を守った。震災半年後、周辺  
の緑は少しづつ回復しつつあ  
る。



2011年4月17日

# Remembrance & Warning

## Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Sendai Arahama Elementary School

During the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, the tsunami surged to the second floor of Arahama Elementary School. **The building served as an evacuation shelter for 320 residents, students, and school staff.**



The  
stationary  
clock in  
the gym

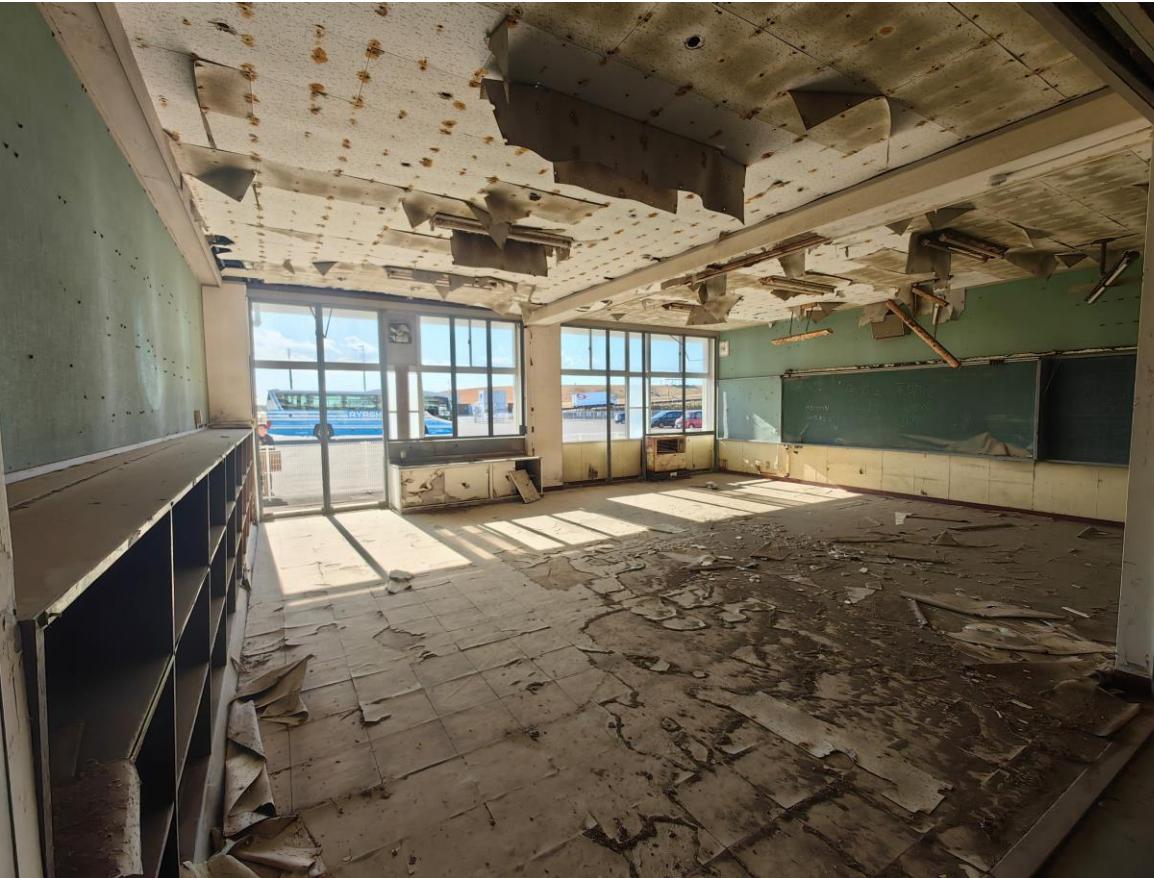
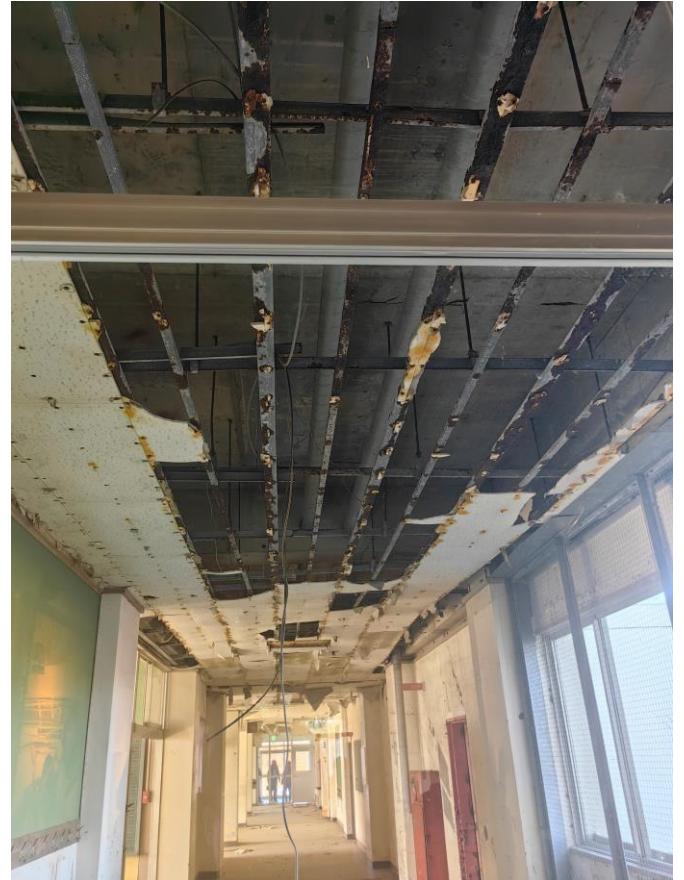


海啸淹没高度记录牌



# Remembrance & Warning

## School Site, First Floor



Damaged Ceiling

Damaged Classroom

Tsunami Deposits

# Remembrance & Warning

## School Site, Second Floor



Tsunami Inundation Marks



Cabinet with Tsunami Marks



Tsunami Splash Marks



Collapsed Wall, Second Floor

# Remembrance & Warning

## Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake: Nakahama Elementary School

Because they had prepared for tsunamis in advance, 90 children and local residents survived the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.

宮城県山元町

# 震災遺構 中浜小学校



Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake:  
Nakahama Elementary School

90人の命を守り抜いた小学校。

ここであったことを、  
あなたの目で見て、考え、読み取って、

未来の災害へ備えるための知識に  
変えていってください。



# Remembrance & Warning

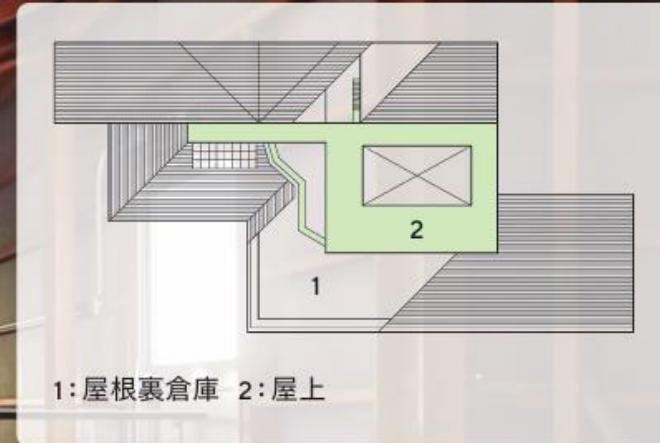
## 震災遺構 中浜小学校

Ruins of the Great East Japan Earthquake:  
Nakahama Elementary School

R  
FLOOR  
■■■■■

寒さと余震。冷たい床の上で一夜を過ごした子どもたちはどんな気持ちだったんだろう。  
Cold and aftershocks. How was it spending a night on a cold floor?

Due to the first and second floors being flooded, all children, teachers, and local residents crowded into the top-floor storage room and spent a cold night there.



1:屋根裏倉庫 2:屋上

# Remembrance & Warning

## School Site, First Floor



Destroyed Windows



Walls with Rust



Damaged Floor



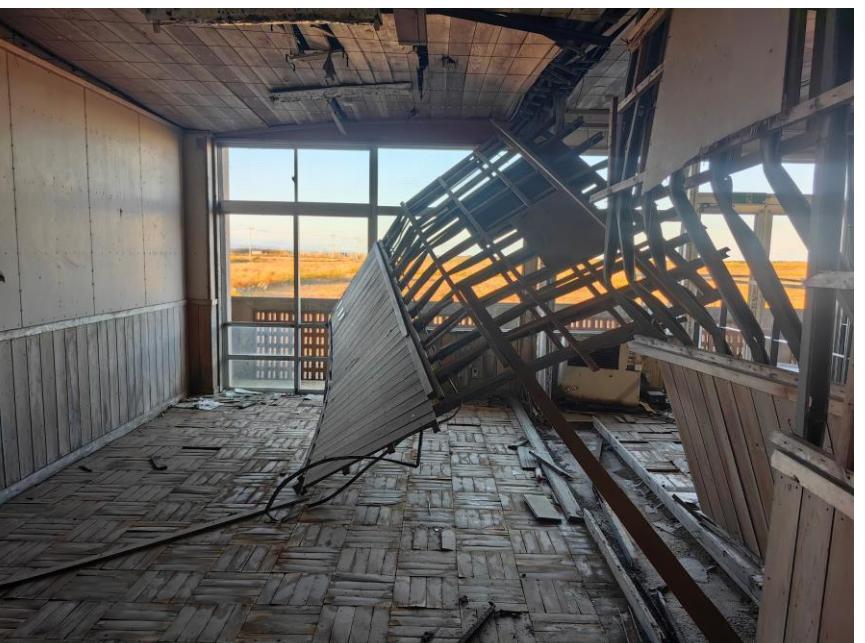
Damaged Ceiling

# Remembrance & Warning

**School Site,  
Second Floor**



**Destroyed Windows**



**Damaged partition**



**Damaged wall**



**Tsunami Deposits**

# Remembrance & Warning

## Residential Area, Arahama District



Washed-away Houses



Foundation Debris



Foundation Debris



Manhole lifted by buoyant force

# Multiple lines of defense for comprehensive tsunami protection

## Multiple lines of defense

Coastal Levees, Disaster Prevention  
Forests, and Elevated Roads

## Evacuation

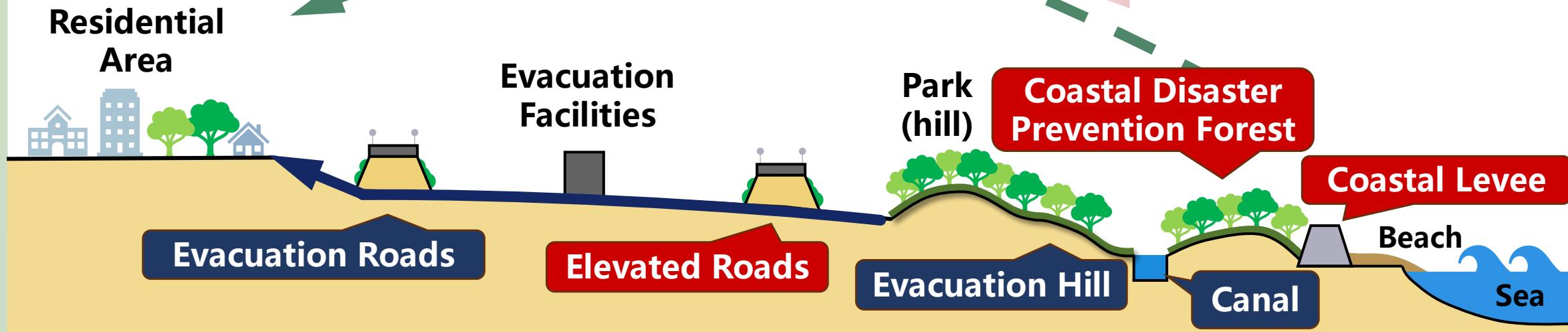
Evacuation Roads and Facilities  
Construction

## Relocation

Collective Relocation to Safer Inland  
Areas

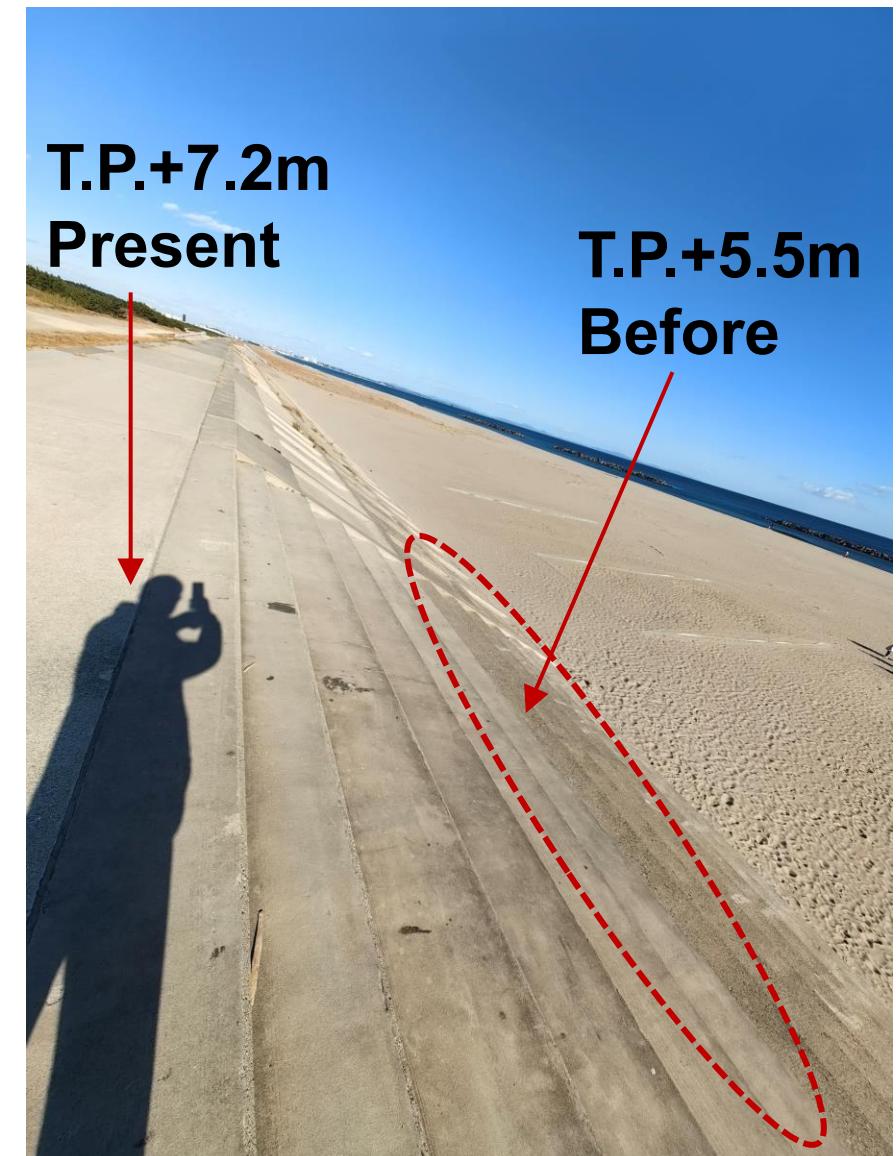
### Defense Against Largest Tsunami

Defense Against Tsunami that Occurs Once  
Every few Decades or Centuries

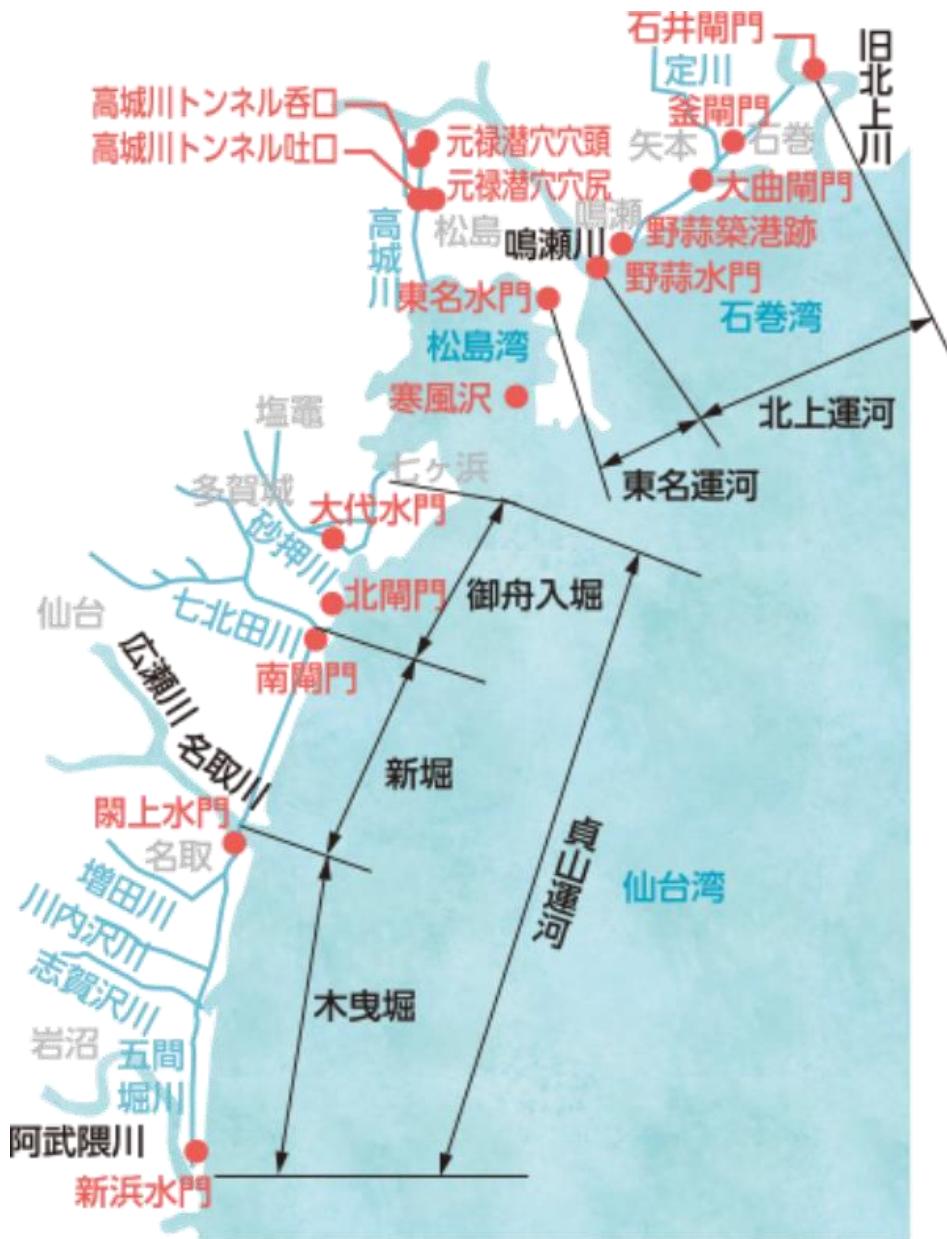


# Linear Infrastructure Project I : Coastal Levee

平面図



# Linear Infrastructure Project II : Canal

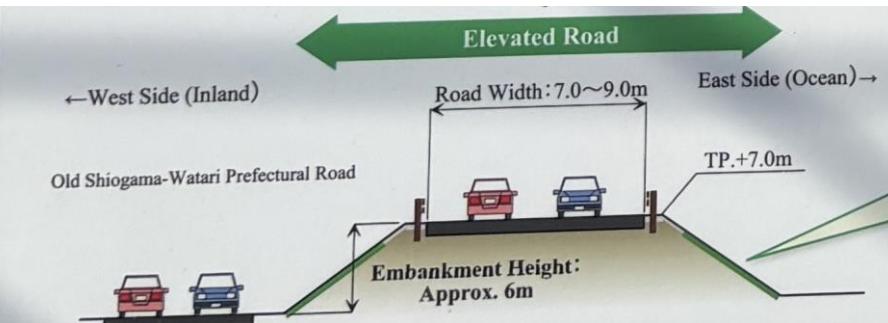


貞山运河对海啸产生了有效的减灾效果：  
• 流速衰减、延迟效应、汇流导流。



Figure 1 Tsunami propagation through Kita-Teizan Canal on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

# Linear Infrastructure Project III : The elevated road



①防波堤  
②千年希望之丘、园路  
③贞山河护岸  
④加高的公路

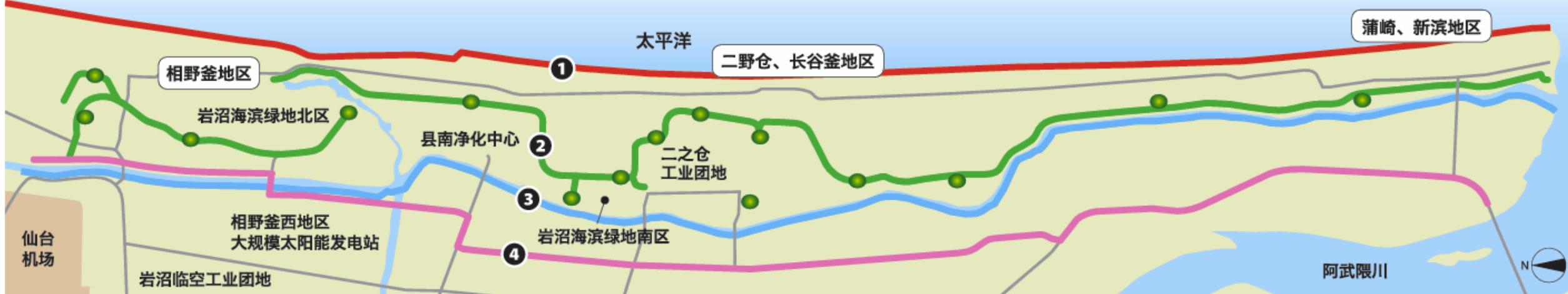
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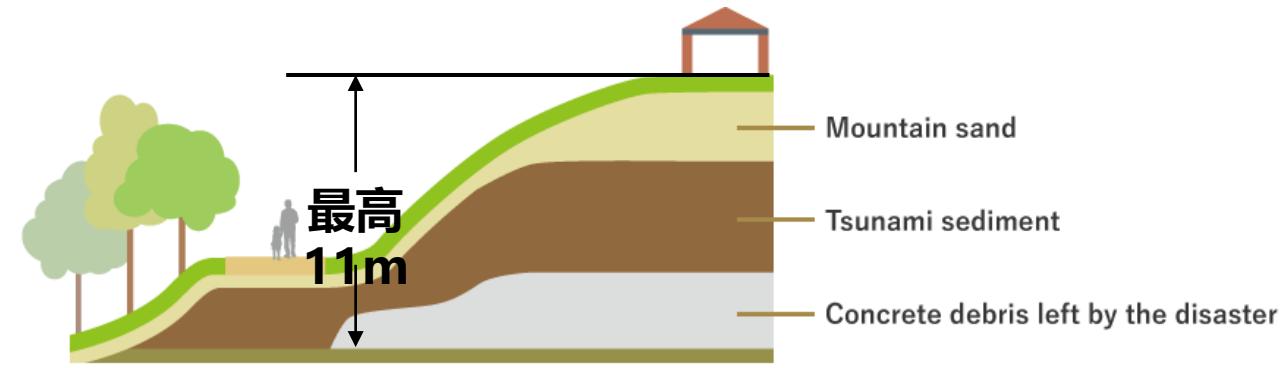


# Point Infrastructure Project I

## Millennium Hope Hills and Park Pathways

Built using debris from the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami, these hills reach a maximum height of 11 meters.

A total of 15 such hills have been constructed along a 10-kilometer stretch of the coastline



<https://sennen-kibouno-oka.com/english/eng-activities/>

①防波堤

②千年希望之丘、园路

● 千年希望之丘

③贞山河护岸

④加高的公路

蒲崎、新滨地区



# Point Infrastructure Project II

## Tsunami Evacuation Facilities



Nakano 5-chome Tsunami  
Evacuation Tower



Outside Evacuation Stairs

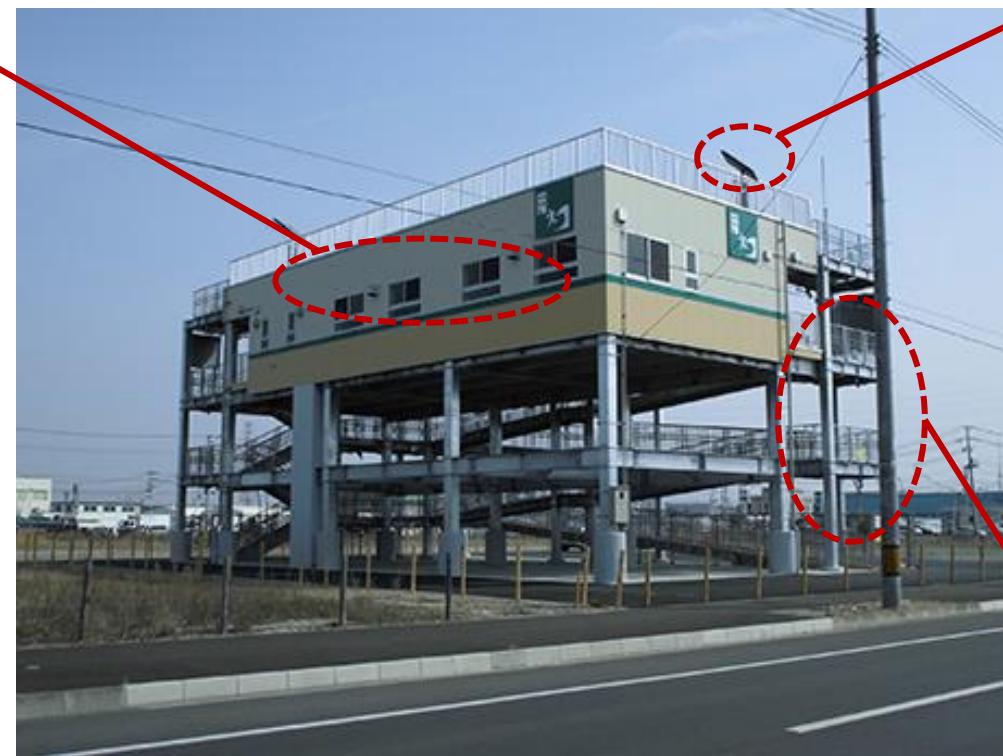




The enclosed refuge floor provides protection from cold.

- Double-layer steel frame structure
- Refuge floor is 6.5m above ground
- The evacuation platform is 10m above ground
- The structure utilizes foundation piles over 20 meters long

# Tsunami Evacuation Tower



**Located in Nakano 5-chome**  
This evacuation tower is a sturdy structure designed to withstand tsunami waves and impacts from floating debris.  
It can evacuate up to 300 people to a height of at least 6 meters above ground level



**Solar panels on the roof power emergency lighting.**

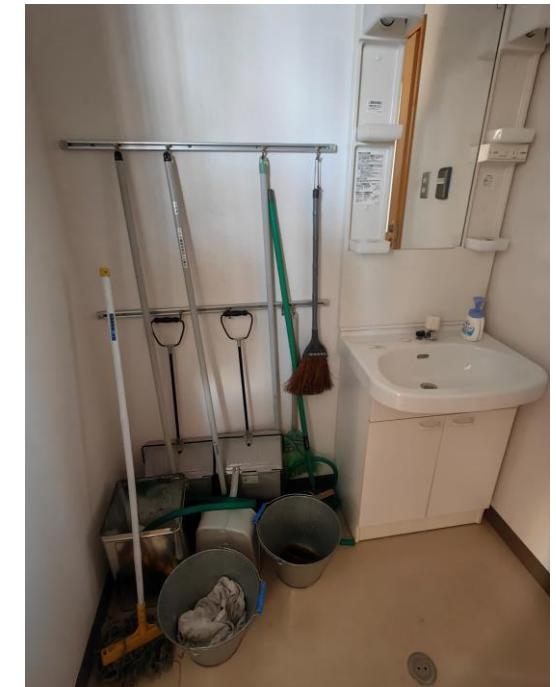


**Its ramp is designed to enable safe evacuation for wheelchairs and strollers.**

# Emergency Supplies for Evacuation Personnel



- Life Support:** Food, Water, Blankets
- Medical & Communication:** First Aid Kits, Two-Way Radios
- Power & Lighting:** Generator, Floodlight
- Logistics Equipment:** Gas Stove, Temporary Toilet, Ropes
- Life-Saving Gear:** Life Jackets, Lifebuoys



Inoue: "**Preparation for disasters is not a preparation if it's done after they occur.** We don't know if a big earthquake might happen in a minute from now, even today."

**宫城中浜小学校长：**“**防灾准备若在灾害发生后才进行，便不能称之为准备。**我们不知道大地震是否会在下一分钟，甚至有可能就在今天。”

**It is better to be a thousand days without disaster than one day without prevention.**

**宁可千日无灾，不可一日不防**

## Research:

- **High-resolution Urban Flood Simulation**
- **Disaster Risk Reduction for Coastal Critical Infrastructure**



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