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To the people of Ehime,

Requests Following the End of the Nankai Trough Megaquake Advisory

The Nankai Trough Megaquake Advisory issued by the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) will officially be lifted at 5pm today. The agency had issued the advisory a week ago on August 8 at 7:15pm after an earthquake struck off the coast of Miyazaki Prefecture in the Hyuganada Sea around 4:43pm that same day. Following this announcement, the Ehime Disaster Alert Team will also be disbanded.

However, this does not mean the threat of a major earthquake has disappeared. It is impossible to predict when one will occur or how severe it will be.

With this in mind, we would like to ask you to continue to do the following:

1. Be prepared for a potential earthquake
Please take necessary precautions to prepare for a major earthquake. At minimum, check the following:
 - a) Evacuation sites and routes
 - b) Emergency family contact information
 - c) Emergency supplies and household items
 - d) Safety measures at home, such as securing furniture

2. Stay calm and continue with your normal day-to-day activities
Please continue to go about your everyday life as usual while being aware of the possibility of an earthquake. The following actions can be extremely disruptive and should be avoided at all costs:
 - a) Hoarding food and daily necessities
 - b) Spreading misinformation and rumors on social media and other platforms

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