

Preparation against
North Korea's plan to launch a missile, which it calls a "satellite"

(Provisional translation)

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- 1 Regarding the announcement by North Korea of its plan to launch a missile, which it calls a "satellite", the Government of Japan has been strongly urging North Korea to exercise restraint over the launch. At the same time, however, in anticipation for the case when North Korea forces to implement the launch, we take the following measures, with the aim of ensuring the safety and security of our peoples' lives.
- 2 Considering the falling areas where North Korea designated to be targeted, the Government predicts that the possibility of its falling down within our territory would be most unlikely under normal condition. The following is solely for preparing for the worst scenario, and therefore, we would like to ask our people to continue on with their normal lives and activities as usual.

(1) Order for destruction measures

Minister of Defense, pursuant to the provisions of Article 82-3, Paragraph 3 of the Self-Defense Forces (SDF) Law, orders the SDF units in advance with the measure to destruct the falling objects when those are verified to be flown toward our territory.

(2) Dissemination of information to our people

In the case North Korea launches the missile, the Government immediately provides the public, local public authorities and media organizations with the appropriate information by utilizing various means including Em-Net, J-Alert and Twitter, aiming to provide the information to the public.

(3) Preparation to the case when the falling objects fell down within our territory.

- a. In the case when we would predict that some kind of objects fell down within our territory, we promptly ensure the safety of our people by closely cooperating with relevant organizations.

- b. In such a case, the Government immediately provides necessary information to the people, local authorities and media organizations.
- c. After sharing the above-mentioned information, the relevant organizations are required to immediately confirm the condition of the on-site, and take necessary actions including the designation of restricted area.
- d. To that end, SDF, Police Agency, Fire and Disaster Management Agency and Japan Coast Guard are required to take appropriate measures.
- e. In case that each individual finds something suspected of falling objects, we would like to ask to keep away from them, and inform polices or fire departments.

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