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Disaster Education in Japan: Tagajo High School in Miyagi Prefecture

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Abstract: Disaster education is widely acknowledged and practiced in Japan, a disaster-prone country. However, many high schools do not offer disaster education in formal coursework, except for Maiko High School in Hyogo Prefecture and Tagajo High School in Miyagi Prefecture. This study examines a case from Tagajo High School, which began to offer the “Disaster Science Course” in 2016, five years after the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. Although Tagajo High School made a lot of efforts to implement the course, this paper discusses the approach and challenges the school encountered, which are relevant to anyone involved in high school education, as well as general disaster education in Japan.

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