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The Establishment of Disaster Management System in Taiwan

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Taiwan is vulnerable to many natural disasters. The losses caused by these natural disasters are tremendous. This paper reviews the development of the disaster management system in Taiwan and finds that the growth of the disaster management system moved from a status without any system to a systematic status in recent 8 years and the evolution had a very strong relationship with the occurrence of major disasters at that time. Even though the first fundamental law “Disaster Prevention & Response Act (DPRA)” has been promulgated at the year of 2000 as an learning experience of the grant 1999 Chi-Chi earthquake, the operation of the disaster management still had many problems in the past three years. It still has large room to improve to develop a well-matured disaster management system in Taiwan.