

Support for Ishikawa, Wajima-City (news as of January 9)

- Around 6:00 pm on the 1st of this month, a large-scale fire broke out on Asaichi Street, a tourist attraction in Kawai-cho, central Wajima City, and it is believed that more than 200 buildings, including shops and residences, were destroyed.
- Police will carry out an intensive search with over 100 people for about four days starting on the 9th, investigating the situation at the scene in detail and confirming whether anyone was involved. They reported that 81 people died and 102 people still missing.
- Fire extinguishing efforts were difficult due to water outages caused by the earthquake and the issuance of a major tsunami warning, and it is estimated that approximately 48,000 square meters of land was destroyed.
- Regarding the damage in Wajima City, Mayor Sakaguchi said, "There seems to be a considerable amount of damage, but the entire city has been affected and we have not yet grasped the full extent." "The fire on Asaichi street. Details such as the number of buildings destroyed and their scale are still unknown."
- Regarding the fact that around 12,000 people continue to evacuate in Wajima City, the largest number in the prefecture, "They are not getting enough warmth in the cold, and the hygienic environment including the toilets is extremely poor."
- To make matters worse, infectious diseases such as norovirus and the new coronavirus are becoming more prevalent. At first, people needed water and food, but as the evacuation continues for a long time, medical support has become necessary." said.
- Furthermore, since there is still no outlook for the restoration of lifelines and infrastructure, city mayor called on the government to provide early restoration and generous support, including financial support for evacuees. Furthermore, for people living in areas other than the disaster-affected areas, "Currently, the traffic situation is very bad and there is congestion, so please refrain from coming here for now. We would like to ask for your support once things have calmed down."