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Wenchuan Earthquake Building Safety Issues

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The serious situations of Wenchuan Earthquake



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First, the construction code or standard should not be lower.

There was too low standard before earthquake. In rural, the buildings almost were no standard to prevent earthquake.

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Aerial photograph: Yingxiu Town of Wenchuan County on May 14

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Second, the buildings location should be carefully choiced

especially in mountain district
including the coast line

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Tangjiashan Mountain Quake Lake



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Third, the terrain of the vast affected area is complex, limiting the efficiency of rescue efforts

A collapsed bridge on the way to Wenchuan on May 16

Collapsed buildings



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Third, the foundation of building, especially first and second floor are very important.

most buildings collapsed because the first floor was not enough strong.

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- According to CDSN, by 12:00, September 1, which was the 112th day after the Earthquake, there had been over 27,000 aftershocks, of which 8 measured above 6 Ms and 39 measured above 5 Ms. The strongest aftershock measure 6.4 Ms and occurred in Qingchuan on the afternoon of May 25.



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Fourth, the good training program
for evacuation is very important

Good case is Sangzao School!
1 minute 38 seconds, more than
2000 students escaped classroom
and lined up! No people hurt!

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Emergency evacuation from Beichuan

Emergency
rescue



A child walking out from Wenchuan

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Quake-afflicted people were removed



A bird's-eye
view of the
affected area



the quake-afflicted people
were facing great
difficulties

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Fifth, provide temporary shelters or tents should discuss with disaster people!



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- On May 20th, the headquarters decided to purchase 900,000 tents and tarpaulins and thousands of tons of awning cloth urgently and required it to be done by June 20;
- the headquarters decided to purchase 1 million mobile rooms and each province should start to help the rebuilding efforts in certain counties that they supported, in order to fully guarantee the temporary shelter for the victims
- Sichuan Province was also determined to issue 2000 RMB subsidies to every farmer household who built temporary shelters for themselves to encourage farmers to build temporary shelters for themselves.

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the relocation were strenuous and pressing with the relocated population exceeding 10 million.



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In Beichuan, 466 officials were dead, accounting for 23% of the total officials, and more than two hundred officials were injured

Knowledge should be widely disseminated

especially good stories



