

Section 3 Future Prospects

With regard to the response to large-scale disasters, the police will constantly review existing measures to enable appropriate responses to any large-scale disasters, continuously promote the inspection and construction of a crisis management system for disasters in regular operations, and actively incorporate advanced technologies that contribute to disaster control, such as drones, and search and rescue robots, in order to protect as many citizens as possible and reduce damage as much as possible in the event of a disaster, with the aim of further improving disaster response capabilities.

In response to terrorism, in addition to building a close communication system with foreign security intelligence agencies, the police will actively participate in international conferences on counter-terrorism, etc., in order to further promote international cooperation on counter-terrorism and strengthen cooperation for information-gathering. In addition, in order to accurately analyze the authenticity and value of information collected over a wide range of areas, the NPA unitarily collects and accumulates information obtained through information-gathering activities both in Japan and overseas, and adds multifaceted and comprehensive analysis, thereby accurately grasping the threat of terrorism and effectively utilizing it to prevent terrorist attacks. At the same time, the police will promote the development of human resources and appointment of those who are familiar with the situation of international terrorist organizations that may pose a threat to our country including Islamic extremist groups, the languages and societies of their action areas, and the tactics of terrorism, etc., by having the staffs acquire foreign languages and cultures, in addition to practical education such as knowledge on counter-terrorism.

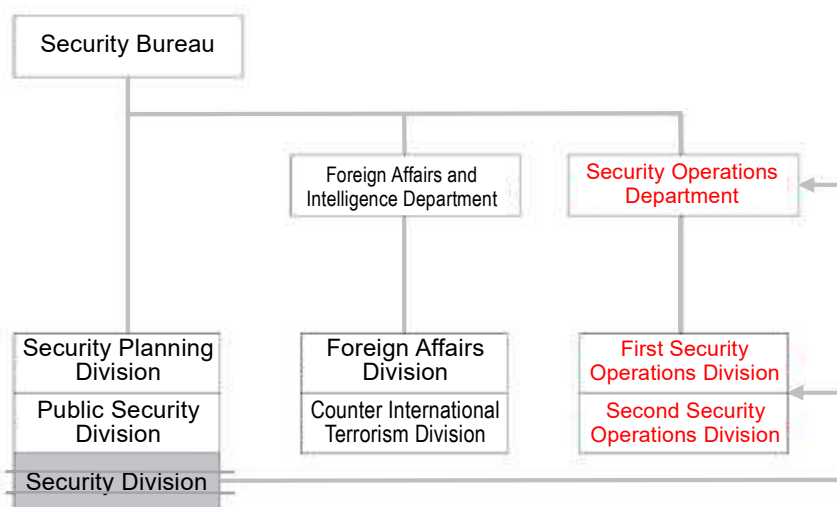
In addition, from the perspective of enhancing counter-measures capabilities, the police will conduct research and analysis on specific situations of terrorist attacks, the types of attacks, and countermeasures, and develop necessary equipment and materials, strengthen the functions of various squads, and effectively operate them.

In addition to such a series of counter-terrorism, it is also necessary to conduct research on the gathering and analysis of information using leading-edge technologies as well as measures to deal with terrorist incidents. Moreover, it is also necessary to continue studying the introduction of new counter-terrorism and advance counter-terrorism measures in an effective and efficient manner.

With an aim of taking all measures to ensure large-scale security at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympics Games and to establish a system that enables prompt, accurate and detailed responses to emergencies such as large-scale disasters where two or more disasters may simultaneously occur, in April 2019, the NPA established the Security Operations Department within the Security Bureau and established two security divisions within the Security Operation Department: the First Security Operations Division is primarily responsible for guarding, protecting VIPs and enforcing security, and the Second Security Operations Division is primarily responsible for dealing with emergencies.

By this strengthening of the system, it will be

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possible to efficiently promote various measures related to both regular security operations and emergency responses, and to realize quick, accurate, and detailed responses in the event of an emergency such as a large-scale security event and a large-scale disaster occurring simultaneously. By doing so, the police will continue to strive to meet the expectations and trust of the people by taking all possible measures to fulfill their duties of protecting the lives, bodies and properties of Japan's citizens and maintaining the public safety and order.