

Dear Governor Brown:

On April 6th, 2019, Taiwanese Association of Greater Portland (TAGP) hosted a “Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake Preparedness Workshop”, delivered in Mandarin Chinese.

The two speakers were Stephen Chang and Emily Cooper, both were trained by Mercy Corps and Multnomah County Emergency Management to become Mandarin-speaking advocate for the subject matter. This is the first such workshop conducted in Taiwanese immigrant community.

The workshop received material support from many Agencies: Multnomah County Emergency Management, Beaverton Emergency Management, Mercy Corps, and Clackamas County Emergency Management. Some even provided Chinese language material for our attendees!!

Due to space capacity and it's our first-time presenting the material, we decided to limit the event to 50 attendees. The signups were full within 3 days, after event announcement went out from two local Taiwanese groups: Taiwan Friendship Association and us.



From our after-event survey, we're able to confirm the workshop was well received, also attendees are taking action to prepare. Below are some of the survey messages from attendees to the Governor and the Emergency Management Agencies (Governor's 1/18/2019 Cascadia Proclamation was presented to the audience before the workshop began).

*“Dear Governor, Thank you for your foresight! The information and guidance we received in this workshop are invaluable for the preparation of earthquake emergencies! Our preparation work has started, and we have also relayed the information to our friends and relatives. If more of us have prepared, the devastation of earthquake would be greatly reduced. Thank you very much!”*

*“To Emergency Management Agencies: I attended a lecture, Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake emergency preparation, held by Taiwanese Association of Greater Portland recently. The lecture was very good, very informative. Thank you very much for supporting and offering lots of materials for this excellent gathering. We learn a lot, think a lot and begin to prepare so we can help ourselves and others during the real emergency.”*

*“Thanks to the Governor for disseminating the information on Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake and emergency preparation through a workshop supported by local governments, Mercy Corps and Taiwanese Association of Greater Portland (TAGP). The information is very helpful and educational. I am a Taiwanese American and learned the workshop from TAGP Event Notice.”*

On behalf of our Taiwanese American community, we thank you for your support in diversity and outreach to provide these resources to us.

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