

In July 2018, Okayama Prefecture and other areas in Western Japan experienced successive heavy downpours, resulting in widespread floods and mudflows in these areas. Did you experience the heavy rain in the area you live in? Do you remember what you were doing and how you were feeling at that time—? Our research team at Societas Research Institute is currently conducting a research project which aims to gain in-depth understanding about how foreign residents in Okayama Prefecture experienced the disaster in 2018. Please consider participating in our research if the following descriptions apply to you.

You can participate in the current research if you:

- Lived in Okayama City, Kurashiki City, or nearby areas at the time of the disaster in July 2018.
- Remember about the disaster in 2018

(**Note**: You do not need to have been directly affected by the disaster in order to participate in the current research!)

<u>Participation in the current research</u>:

We will conduct group interviews, where participants (5-6 people per group) discuss about their experiences related to the heavy rain in 2018. Participation in the research is voluntary, and you will be compensated for your participation in an interview. Please contact Maho Aikawa (see below for contact information) if you are interested in participating in the current research.

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