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Paul's Summary (transcribed)

This past week, a **9.0 magnitude earthquake** hit Japan. This was measured to be the fifth strongest earthquake in the world to date. Shockwaves and subsequent **tsunami** have **devastated** the country. Tens of thousands of people are still missing. Watching the scenes of disaster, people were confused if these were excerpts from Hollywood movies or reality. What is more worrisome is the news of **nuclear reactor explosions**, which could possibly be more **devastating** than the earthquake itself.

Countries around the world are **reaching out to Japan** in this **difficult time**. Some are sending food and water. Others delegate rescuers. As the closest country to Japan geographically, Korea is also **lending a helping hand** to Japan.

What was surprising in the middle of this tragedy was the **calmness and orderliness of the Japanese people**. With such a high level of patience and **discipline**, the Japanese people are believed to **reemerge from this disaster**. Many have commended Japan's preparedness and civil engineering in the wake of this natural disaster. Japan had invested over 1 billion dollars in preparing infrastructure and buildings for such earthquakes. Japan also has the most accurate **seismology** equipment in the world, making **early detection and alerts** possible. Their foresight has been said to have saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

However, the shockwaves sent into the global economy are hard to measure yet. Nobody knows what the world's 3rd largest economy will go through to recover from the damage. What we do know is we are all victims of this disaster and that we need to **join forces** to overcome it.

Key Words

1. 진도: Richter scale, magnitude
2. 쓰나미: tsunami
3. (자연재해로 인해) 파괴되다: devastated
4. 여진: aftershock
5. 원자로: nuclear reactor
6. 구원의 손길을 뻗다: reach out to Japan, lend/give a helping hand
7. 일본인들의 질서 의식: calmness and orderliness of the Japanese people, maintaining order
8. 절제력이 강한: disciplined
9. 재난을 극복하다: re-emerge from this disaster
10. 극복을 위해 힘을 합하다: join forces to overcome it
11. (경제적) 파장: shockwave, ripple/rippling effects, fallout도 쓰나 핵재앙을 연상시키므로 이 경우에는 쓰지 않는 것이 좋음
12. 방사능 피폭: radiation exposure

More Key Words

1. 자연재해: natural disaster
2. 눈보라: blizzard
3. 산불: forest fire
4. 단층선: fault line, 같은 단층선 위에 있다 be one the same fault line
5. 지진대피훈련: earthquake drill
6. 문틀: door frame
7. 기본적인 유감 표현: I am sorry for what's happening
8. 위로의 마음을 전할 때: my deepest sympathies to you
9. 사망에 대한 위로의 마음을 전할 때: my deepest condolences for you
10. 저도 마음이 아픕니다: my heart goes out to Japan

11. 기하급수적인: exponential
12. 해일: tidal wave
13. 체르노빌 사고 규모의 (재앙): on a Chernobyl scale
14. 방사능 유출: radiation leak
15. 질서있게 줄을 선 것: orderly line-up
16. 약탈: looting
17. 격려의 말: don't ever lose hope; this thing will pass; Japan will be stronger than ever; Japan will reemerge from this disaster