

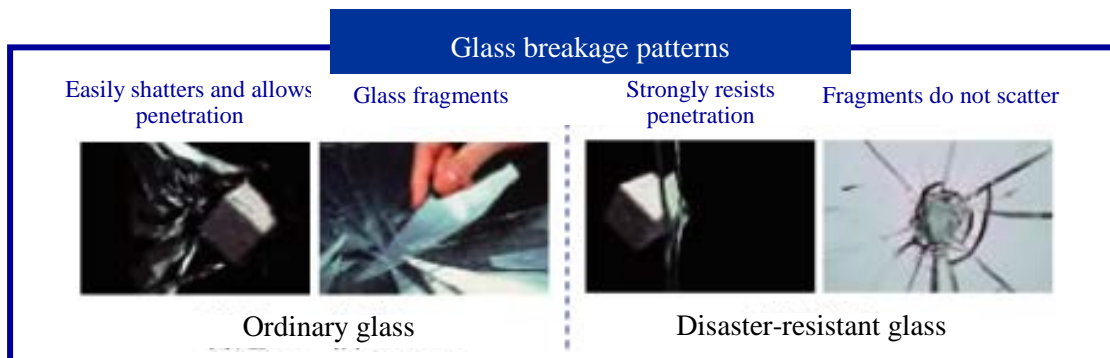
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**AGC to Donate Natural Disaster-Resistant Glass to  
Tornado-Stricken Koshigaya City in Saitama Prefecture, Japan  
—Ensuring safety in evacuation shelters by using glass that does not scatter,  
even when cracked by strong winds—**

**Tokyo, February 7, 2014**—AGC (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.; Head Office: Tokyo; President & CEO: Kazuhiko Ishimura) has donated its disaster-resistant glass to Minami Koshigaya Elementary School in Koshigaya City, Saitama Prefecture as part of the effort to support the city, which suffered terrible damage in a tornado in September 2013. A total of approximately 143m<sup>2</sup> of glass at the school gymnasium, a designated evacuation center, was replaced with AGC’s disaster-resistant glass, which has improved the preparedness of the elementary school against natural disasters.

Disaster-resistant glass is a laminated glass which is designed to hold fragments in place when it breaks. It effectively prevents damage during earthquakes, typhoons or strong winds, protecting children and other evacuees from injuries caused by glass fragments.

Laminated glass has been introduced in disaster-prevention reports issued by the Cabinet Office of Japan as an effective means to prevent damage from tornados and strong gusts of wind. Once installed at schools and other designated evacuation centers, the glass provides greater safety and security even in the event of a natural disaster.



AGC has been promoting the “Glass Power Campaign” since October 2005, donating disaster-resistant glass with the aim of promoting safety measures at designated evacuation centers across Japan. Koshigaya City is the 35th donee under the campaign.

AGC will continue to work hard to promote disaster-resistant glass that provides safety and security and support local disaster-prevention activities.

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### **Disaster-resistant glass**

The disaster-resistant glass is comprised of two sheets of glass and special film that are thermal compression bonded with each other. With the following advantages, the glass will keep shelters safe even in the event of a natural disaster, such as earthquake or typhoon and prevent secondary damages caused by glass:

- **Does not shatter easily when struck by an object;**
- **Prevents severe injuries caused by broken glass; and**
- **Keeps out rain and wind even if glass is cracked, as the crack does not easily grow into a big hole.**

