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

**Tokyo, December 26, 2012**—AGC (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.; Head Office: Tokyo; President & CEO: Kazuhiko Ishimura) has donated disaster-resistant glass, effective against natural disasters such as earthquakes, strong winds and typhoons, to Moka Elementary School in Moka City, Tochigi Prefecture as part of the effort to support the city, which suffered terrible damage in a tornado in May 2012. A total of approximately 150m<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.

Moka Elementary School Gymnasium, Moka City, Tochigi Prefecture (designated evacuation center)



Disaster-resistant glass is a laminated glass which prevents fragments from scattering when glass breaks during earthquakes, typhoons or strong winds, protecting children and other evacuees from injuries caused by glass fragments. 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 its “Glass Power Campaign” since October 2005, donating disaster-resistant glass with the aim of promoting safety measures at designated evacuation centers across Japan. Moka City is the 33th donee under the campaign, and a presentation ceremony was held at Moka City Hall on December 25, 2012, attended by Moka City Mayor.

After the presentation ceremony, Moka Elementary School's 106 fifth grade students were given a special class to learn about glass as part of the awareness-raising activities of the Glass Power Campaign.

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

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[Reference]

**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 features, 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.**

