

3) Disaster Characteristics in Asia

The number of disasters (Fig.2-13) accounts for 31 % of floods, 28 % of windstorms and 12 % of earthquakes, and which covers 71 % of the total proportion.

The number of people killed is caused by earthquakes (49 %), windstorms (29 %) and floods (14 %), and it covers about 92 % of the total number of people killed in Asian region (Fig.2-14). Fig.2-15 is the graph which includes the number of people killed caused by famine in North Korea estimated by UN-WFP (World Food Programme). Regarding the number of people affected, 98 % is from floods (60 %), drought (28 %) and windstorms (10 %). As for economic damage, earthquakes (45 %) are the highest factor, followed by floods (32 %) and windstorms (15 %).

Asian trends for most serious disasters could be estimated as wind and flood disasters from the figure of affected people and earthquake disasters from the figure of economic damage.

Fig.2-13

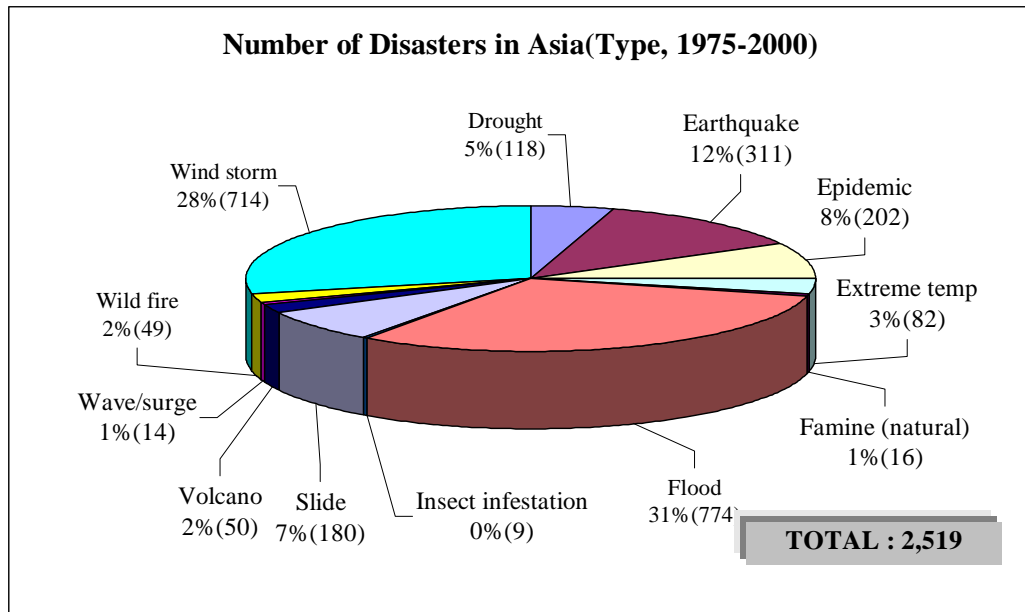


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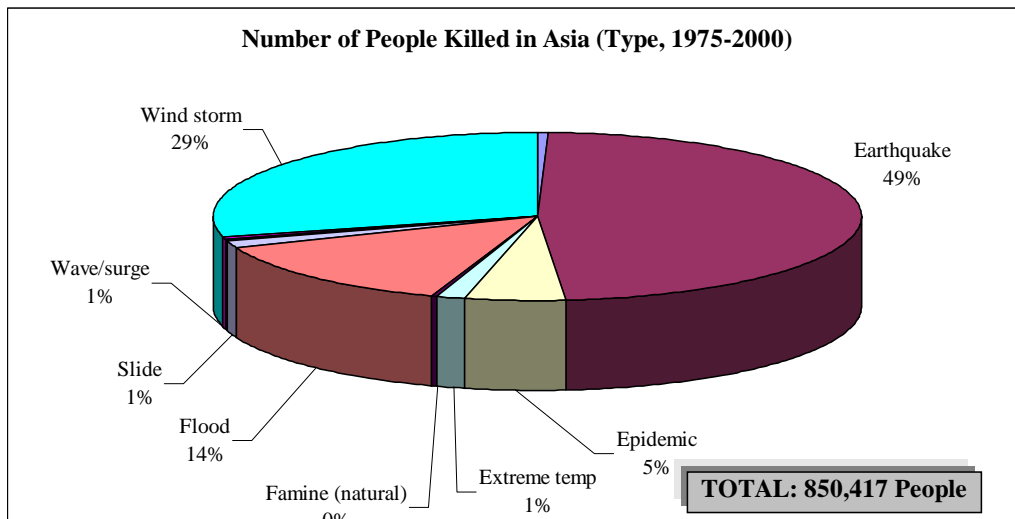


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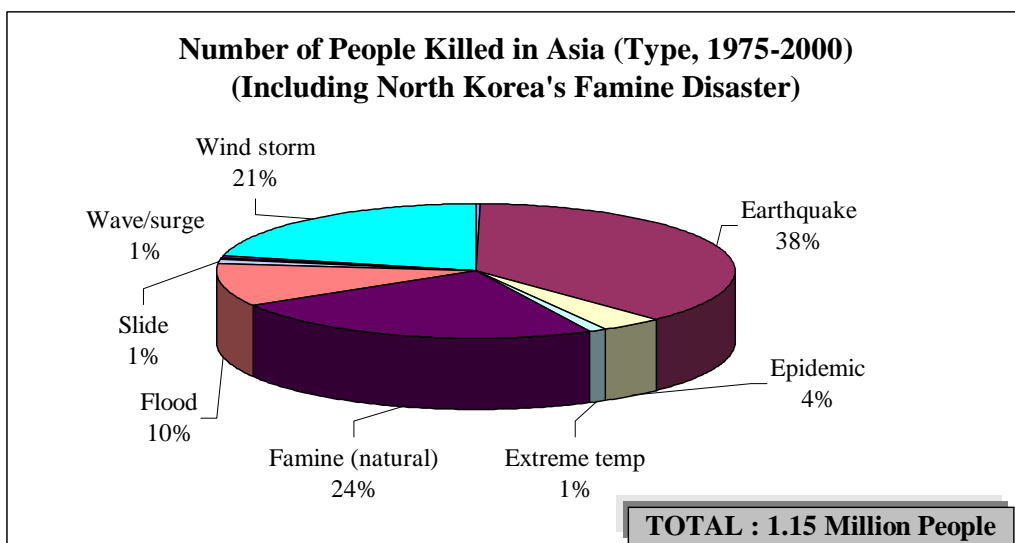


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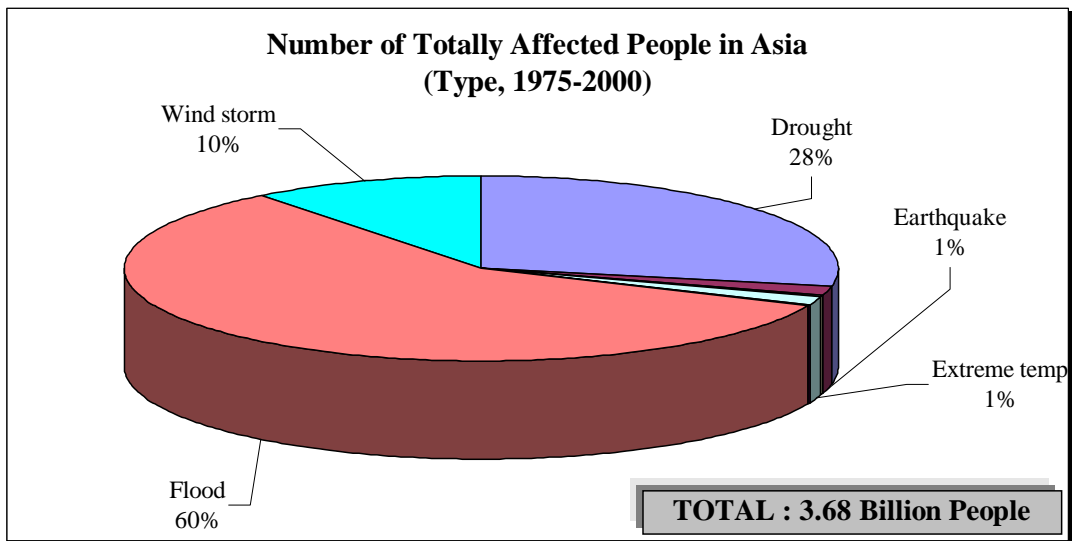


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