

# News from Iwate's Reconstruction

The news from Iwate as it moves toward reconstruction

**Ganbaro, Iwate!**  
Let's stick together, Iwate!



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122 Days

until the  
**National Sports Festival**

143 Days

until the  
**National Sports Festival for People with Disabilities**



## Opening of the Iwate Inland Survivor Support Center

Morioka

On May 20th, 2016 (Fri), the Iwate Inland Survivor Support Center opened its doors in Zaimoku-cho, Morioka. The center was built to support the reconstruction of homes for survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami who have taken refuge inland or to other prefectures.

The center will contact disaster survivors who have evacuated to temporary living arrangements or left the prefecture, both by telephone and in person, in order to ascertain their future plans. By providing consultation services, it aims to further encourage

the reconstruction of residential homes.

There are 7 staff members stationed at the center who are certified mental health welfare professionals, social workers, or consumers' affairs consultants. In addition to providing telephone and in-person services, they can also explain the procedures for building a home, or assist people in finding their own property.

Takuya Kimura, the director of the Bureau of Reconstruction, made an address at the opening ceremony. "We want to do our very best to evaluate

the living conditions of the survivors, and proceed as quickly as possible with the rebuilding process."

At the end of April 2016, there were a total of 4,728 evacuees, of which 1,409 were living in temporary housing arrangements.

It is hoped that the rebuilding process will go smoothly from here on, and that the victims will be provided with support in their everyday lives.

- Address: Morioka-shi, Zaimoku-cho 3-5
- Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed on Sundays and holidays)
- Contact: 019-601-7640



The newly opened Iwate Inland Survivor Support Center



Information materials available in the center



## What can you get with 100 yen? The 100-yen Market!

Ofunato

On April 30th, 2016 (Sat), a 100-yen market event was held at the temporary shopping area "Ofunato Dreams Shopping Street" in Ofunato. The event was bustling with bargain-shoppers looking to grab a deal.

The 100-yen market is an event where all of the stalls in "Ofunato Dreams Shopping Street" sell their products to customers for 100 yen. This is the 5th time it has been held.

The stalls were selling many kinds of

things, from seafood products, snacks, daily necessities, and fresh food... all for 100 yen! At one point, 2-in-1 packs of fresh scallops and strawberries went on sale for a limited time - for 100 yen.

The "Ofunato Dreams Shopping Street" is scheduled to close down at the end of this fiscal year, but there are still many exciting events in store for the locals, such as a kids' event in August.



Families browsing stalls at the 100-yen market event  
(Photo: Ofunato Dreams Shopping Street)

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Ofunato



**Event** ▶ Ground golf **Dates** ▶ September 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – 25<sup>th</sup> (Sun) **Venue** ▶ Sakarigawa Riverside Park  
**Demonstration sport** ▶ Marathon: August 7<sup>th</sup> (Sun) / Walking: October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sun)  
**Contact** ☎ 0192-27-3111 (Ofunato)

### Ofunato INFORMATION

Ofunato is a city located in the southern coast of Iwate Prefecture with a population of approximately 38,000 people. Its main industry is the fishing industry, as it is located right by the Sanriku fishing grounds, one of three of the world's leading fishing areas. In addition to an abundance of freshly caught pacific saury, mackerel, squid, and salmon, this geographically unique, serene bay also cultivates oysters, scallops, wakame seaweed, and sea squirts.

Also in town is the Goishi Coast, a nationally-designated place of scenic beauty. A particularly breathtaking sight is the Anatoshiiso, a unique rock formation that was eroded away by ocean water, leaving three large, gaping holes in its wake.



Anatoshiiso

