News from Iwate's Reconstruction

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



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The news from Iwate as it moves toward reconstruction

We are deeply grateful for the heartwarming encouragement and support received from both within and outside of Japan in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, which struck on March 11, 2011. The precious bonds created during this time will always be cherished.

We will now bring you the news from Iwate's reconstruction.

18 Days National Sports Festival

Mational Sports Festival
Days for the People with
Disabilities

Community Bonds Deepened at the 2016 Takata Smile Festival

Rikuzentakata

On July 3rd, 2016 (Sun), the 2016 Takata Smile Festival was held at the Kamiosabe grounds in Rikuzentakata.

In the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, the Kawasaki Frontale J-League soccer team sent mathematics teaching materials to children in Rikuzentakata. This became the catalyst for soccer classes and other regular activities, eventually leading to the signing of a friendship

agreement called the "Takata Frontale Smile-ship" in September last year. This event was a part of that program.

On this day, Kawasaki Frontale players helped run a soccer class for local children. There was also a stall selling products and foods from both

cities, which attracted long lines of people.

The main event was the "Smile Dream Match", an exhibition game between Frontale and Vegalta Sendai, both of whom are in the J1 league. Almost 3,000 enthusiastic fans from inside and outside of the prefecture gathered to watch the pros face off against each other.



The Frontale team gives out their autographs

Kengo Nakamura teaching children to play soccer

Iwate Prefecture is Now Recruiting Fixed-Term Employees for the 2016 Year

Like last year, Iwate Prefecture is once again recruiting people to assist with the reconstruction by working with local businesses or in disaster-hit areas.

Application period

7/19 TUE 8/26 FRI

[Form of employment: 3-year employees] As a rule, the period of appointment begins on April 1st, 2017, but it's possible to begin earlier.

Type of work	# of positions	Work duties	Main places of employment	
Clerical work	Roughly 31	 Clerical work relating to various reconstruction and restoration efforts. Approval and authorization. Other general work. 	■ When assigned to a prefectural organization: Branch offices (such as regional development bureaus), or the Prefectural Government.	
Construction work	Roughly 59	•Planning, surveying, purchasing and supervising, with regard to reconstruction projects	 When assigned to a village, town or city: Ofunato, Rikuzentakata, Otsuchi, Yamada, Tanohata * Appointments in Ofunato and Yamada are in construction only. 	

Selection

process

Examination

dates

Examination eligibility criteria

(1) Clerical work Must be born before, or on, April 1st, 1999.

(Must be above 17 years of age in the year period

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(2) Construction Must fit one of the following criteria:

(As of late June, 2016)

(1) First- or Second-class er

(1) First- or Second-class engineer operation & management engineer qualification

Practical experience equivalent to a Second-class engineer operation & management engineer qualification
 For more information

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(1) Clerical work: Formal test / Essay / Personal interview

(2) Construction: Application essay / Degree of experience / Personal interview

		Clerical work	Construction
	Test date #1	September 18th (Sun) Morioka venue: Morioka Commercial High School Tokyo venue: Prefectural Assembly Hall	Application- based selection
	Test date #2	Late October – Early November	

preading the joy. Giving thanks. The Land of Hope Iwate National Sports Festival and National Sports Festival for People with Disabilities



Event ► Rubber baseball Date ► October 2, 2016 (Sun)

Venue ► 40 Degrees North Baseball Park

Contact 2 0194-35-2111 (Fudai Village Hall)

A village of 2,850 people at the northern end of the Iwate coast, blessed with the natural beauty of both mountain and sea. The grandeur of the white sand beaches, the sweeping views of the Pacific from its 140-meter cliffs, and the famously picturesque Kurosaki cliffs all help reset your daily outlook. The "Miracle Flood Gates" protect the village from tsunami damage. There's also a 15.5 meter seawall.



The view from Kurosaki Observatory

Aomori and Iwate Goods Shop -Grand Opening in Umeda, Osaka!

On July 5th, 2016 (Tue), Aomori and Iwate Prefecture opened up a joint store selling regional goods in Dojima Chika Center in Dojima, Kita-ku, Osaka.

An opening ceremony was held on the same day, where Governor Takuya Tasso of Iwate and Governor Shingo Mimura of Aomori cut the ribbon. The first 30 guests to the ceremony received a gift set with Nanbu Senbei crackers (Iwate) and apple juice (Aomori).

The 128-square meter store offers roughly 800 products from the two prefectures, including the three big noodles of Morioka (Morioka reimen, jajamen, wanko soba) and Sanriku wakame seaweed from Iwate, and apple juice and garlic from

Aomori. Customers can eat what they buy right away in the eat-in corner, too.

Address

Osaka-shi, Kita-ku, Doiima Icchou-me

Dojima Chikagai 6-gou (Dojima Chika Center)

Business hours

10 AM - 8 PM

For more information (Closed every 3rd Sunday)

The opening ceremony

Aomori-Iwate Eemon Shop

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A Film festival in a town with no cinema Film screening decided by city residents'

Kamaishi

On August 26th (Fri) to the 28th (Sun), Kamaishi will hold a three-day film festival called the Kamaishi Teppan Film Festival.

Kamaishi has no movie theaters. The event was organized with the hope of reenergizing the people through films, and also to revive the movie culture within the city. A total of nine films will be shown at the main venue inside the Kamaishi Information & Community Center at "Team Smile - Kamaishi PIT", which opened up in January earlier this year.

The residents were able to submit votes for the films they wanted to see. Six films ("The Bucket List", "Kamome Shokudou", "Minions", "I Girasoli", "Hula Girls", and "Begin Again") had been chosen out of a list of movies that 14 local movie fanatics had recommended.

The remaining three films were decided by the planning committee. A pre-event will be held on July 31st (Sun.).

Contact: Kamaishi Teppan Film Festival Planning Committee 🏗 080-1823-1571

For more information

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The Bucket List (@2007 Warner Bros. Ent. All Rights Reserved.) One of the films chosen to be screened at the film festival.

Many young people are diligently helping the affected area of Sanriku move toward a full reconstruction. The section "People for Sanriku's Future" introduces these young people and their powerful feelings.

Part 58 introduces Ms. Urara Sakurai's efforts.

She was born in Aichi Prefecture.

She started playing violin at the age of 6. At the same time, she was a soccer athlete through elementary, middle, and high school.

She already had a job lined up when she graduated from college, but she wanted a job where she could teach children about the joy of music, so she decided to become an instructor of stringed instruments for Friends of El Sistema - Otsuchi Project.

She moved to Otsuchi in May 2016, where she teaches children stringed instruments and English conversation.

Bringing happiness to children

In 2014, El Sistema Japan, a movement aimed at providing a classroom-like environment for after-school programs, signed an agreement with Otsuchi for a program to inspire children through

Ms. Sakurai is one of the members behind this project. She moved to Otsuchi to become a violin instructor so she could teach children about the







El Sistema Japan Otsuchi Stringed Instrument Instructor

Urara Sakurai



"I want to start up an orchestra in Otsuchi!

joys of music. "When I first came to Otsuchi, I felt like the town still hadn't really recovered from the damage the disaster caused 5 years ago. But I realized that Otsuchi's stars are so beautiful, the food is so delicious, and the people are so warm-hearted," she said on life in Otsuchi. "The children have so much fun practicing violin, so they improve really quickly," she said, smiling.

The power of music

Music is a language that is understood by everyone both old and young, regardless of nationality or language. "I also grew up with music. I really hope the children in Otsuchi can grow up with music in their lives. It can teach them how to express themselves in so many different ways," Ms. Sakurai said on the power of music, and her big hopes for the children's futures.

She has plans to set up recitals for the children, hopes provide support and encouragement for children in unfortunate circumstances.

Casualties & Damage in Iwate As of June 30, 2016

▶ Human casualties/deaths: 4,672; Missing: 1,123

▶Buildings destroyed (residences only, total/partial): 26,075 To make a donation to aid in Iwate's reconstruction:

www.pref.iwate.jp/fukkounougoki/dayori/news/011100.html

Thank you for all your support!

As of June 30, 2016

Donations for survivors: Around ¥18.49874 billion (93,530 donations)

Donations for reconstruction projects: Around ¥19.77718 billion (7,791 donations) Iwate Learning Hope Fund donations: Around ¥8.48074 billion (17,971 donations)

> 💥 This fund is to assist in the study and daily life of affected children by encouraging sport and study activities.

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