## News from Iwate's Reconstruction

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



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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.

The news from Iwate as it moves toward reconstruction

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

21 Days

Civil engineering

Agriculture

Forestry

Fisheries

Medical, social welfare

Commerce, tourism

Total

**The National Sports Festival** is happening right now!



Total damage by sector

(As of September 27, 2016 at 10 AM)

# More Damage from Typhoon No. 10 - ¥139.44328bn

On September 23rd, 2016 (Fri), Iwate Prefecture set up a Typhoon Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction Promotion Headquarters to carry out relief activities in areas that were hit by the effects of heavy rain from Typhoon No. 10.

At 10 AM on September 27th, 2016 (Tue), 367 people in Iwaizumi and Tanohata were reported to have evacuated their homes. The number of damaged and flooded buildings rose to 4,028 - 61% were deemed to be either

completely or partially destroyed.

The total damage across the prefecture amounts to ¥139.44328bn as of September 27th 2016, but that total is expected to rise. While investigating the extent of the damage, the prefecture has begun preliminary recovery and reconstruction, in conjunction with related organizations. These initial measures aim to support the lives of the survivors, and to restart the agriculture, fishery, and tourism industries.





Ryusendo Caves, closed after suffering damage (Iwaizumi)

The last maestro of the 20th century - Iwate "Bonds of Reconstruction" Concert

On September 16th, 2016 (Fri), the Iwate "Bonds of Reconstruction" Concert "Ivry Gitlis's World" was held in the lobby of Sanriku Hana Hotel Hamabiku (Otsuchi).

Mr. Gitlis is originally from Israel and is 94 years old. He is currently the oldest active violinist in the world, and is often called the "Last Maestro of the 20th Century". He has performed in the disaster-affected areas almost every year since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. At the memorial service a year after the disaster, he performed with a violin

made from Takata Matsubara pine wood.

At this year's concert, he performed for roughly an hour, together with the pianist Shuku Iwasaki. The audience of around 70 people were mesmerized by the maestro's beautiful music.

"I'm always thinking about the disaster affected areas. I want to come back to lwate again," he said on stage after his performance, eliciting unbounded applause from the audience.

Mr. Gitlis made a school visit to Kiri Kiri Gakuen Elementary School before the concert, and interacted with the children through music.



Ivry Gitlis performing at the concert

We are collecting donations to help those who suffered damage from heavy rain, storms, and strong waves Donations towards damage caused by Typhoon No. 10 during Typhoon No. 10. Iwate Prefecture (Donation period: September 5, 2016 - October 31, 2016) **Community Chest of Iwate Prefecture** < Yuucho Bank > Japanese Red Cross Society Iwate Prefecture Branch Account Number: 00130-2-387497 : 019-ten Current Bank  $\$ This information is needed when using other banks' < Iwate Bank Main Branch > Account Number: Futsuu 0500445 ATMs or internet banking Account Holder: Nihon Sekijuujisha Iwateken Shibu Shibuchou Tasso Account Holder: Iwateken Kyoudou Bokinkai Taifuu 10gou Ooame Saigai Gienkin Contact: Iwate Prefectural Government Department of Health and < Iwate Bank Main Branch > Welfare Office of Health and Welfare Planning Account Number: Futsuu 2241853 2 019-629-5408 (direct) 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Account Holder: Shakai fukushi houjin Iwateken Kyoudou Bokinkai Iwateken Taifuu 10gou Ooamenado Saigai Gienkin

Akkagawa River, which was severely hit (Noda)

¥87.667980bn

¥8.37989bn

¥10.63051bn

¥6.51447bn

¥1.00041bn

¥22.90014bn

¥139.44328bn

Otsuchi

## A Hot Air Balloon Event in Support c the Reconstruction

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat) and 4<sup>th</sup> (Sun), "Look at the Sky", a hot air balloon event in support of the reconstruction, was held in Akasaki, Ofunato. It was sponsored by the non-profit organization Kizuna Project Sanriku.

The event began as a way to bring happiness to children suffering from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. After being held for the first time in Ofunato in August 2011, it took place in various locations across the three disaster-hit prefectures, lwate, Miyagi and Fukushima. This was the 18<sup>th</sup> time the event has been held.

On the evening of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, the crowd enjoyed the magical sight of hot air balloons creating a floating illumination against the evening sky, coordinated in time to music.

Early on the morning of Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>, families and friends took part in a hot air balloon flight experience. In total, 238 people were taken 20 meters up in the air, where they could gaze down upon Ofunato's ongoing reconstruction.



Hot air balloons in the sky (Photo: AirB)

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 61 introduces Mr. Yasushi Hanasaka's efforts.

#### Originally from Kamaishi.

He lived in Kamaishi until Junior High, before moving to Ichinoseki Technical High School. He completed his undergraduate and postgraduate education at a university in Niigata.

After graduating, he moved to Tokyo to pursue a career in the finance industry.

After 3 years in Tokyo, he returned to Kamaishi in April 2016. He began working with Kamaentai, a local support network, via Ferias Kamaishi. His current projects include "Entrance", a website that provides information about Kamaishi.

*Post-reconstruction community development* 

After building up his skills, Mr. Hanasaka always intended to return to Kamaishi to take part in its redevelopment. He currently works with the support network, Kamaentai.

The city has a need for software development, and Mr. Hanasaka is putting his experience to good use at Ferias Kamaishi.

## settlements in 3 prefectures, 2,400 of whom wrote messages on washi paper. They also made candles from washi paper stamped with the

stamped with the handprints of 1,200 children from Tohoku and Tokyo. Altogether the students prepared 4,700 washi paper candles, each containing a thought or memory.

disaster, 5 and a half years on.



Washi Candle Garden

From September 9th (Fri) to September 11th (Sun), 2016,

"Washi Candle Garden, Tohoku 2016" was held at Tokyo

Midtown in Minato Ward. People who suffered during the Great

East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami wrote their thoughts on

Project", run by Sadayuki Murakami of Tama University. Under

the theme of "connecting information to action", it aimed to

communicate the thoughts of the people suffering from the

The students met 3,600 disaster victims, spread across 40

The event was organized by students of the "Love Japan

pieces of washi paper, and set them alight.

Washi candles illuminating the venue (Photo: Love Japan Project)

People for SA NRIKU 'S Future 💒

Ferias Kamaishi

## Yasushi Hanasaka



He gave his thoughts regarding local redevelopment. "Five years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, and in some places we've got to start moving beyond the reconstruction. I think that both residents and businesses have to take another step forwards, towards sustainable redevelopment. That's why I want to work together with local people."

### Distributing information about redevelopment

Mr. Hanasaka also spoke enthusiastically about how the distribution of information can contribute to redevelopment. "Kamaishi's 'open city plan' addresses the expected population decline. Rather than aiming to drastically increase the population, the plan aims to bring people here via work or travel. Even if they don't live here, they'll come to love the city, and that way there'll be more people with a connection to Kamaishi. I'd like the website "Entrance" to help with that by providing entertaining information to people who live here, and by informing others about what's happening in Kamaishi.

### Casualties & Damage in Iwate As of July 31, 2016

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

▶ Buildings destroyed (residences only, total/partial): 26,075

To make a donation to aid in lwate's reconstruction: www.pref.iwate.jp/fukkounougoki/dayori/news/011100.html Thank you for all your support!

#### As of August 31, 2016

Donations for survivors:Around ¥18.5313 billion (93,724 donations)Donations for reconstruction projects:Around ¥19.77904 billion (7,837 donations)Iwate Learning Hope Fund donations:Around ¥8.51776 billion (18,168 donations)XThis fund is to assist in the study and daily life of affected

children by encouraging sport and study activities.

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