

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.

Although we are in the rainy season and the skies are heavy and grey, we will now bring you the bright news from Iwate as it moves toward reconstruction.

The Sanriku Goods Marché: Promoting Sanriku!

Akihabara

Between Thursday, June 19 and Saturday, June 21, JR East held the "Second Sanriku Goods Marché", an event that sold products from the Sanriku region, in Tokyo's Akihabara Station. Centered on products from Kuji (in Iwate), Ishinomaki (in Miyagi Prefecture) and Hachinohe (in Aomori Prefecture), the event featured appearances by local mascot characters such as Kuji's "Amarine" and the "Ama Club".

As part of their course of study, students from the Nutrition Group at Hanamaki Agricultural High School's Food and Agriculture Department helped with the sales. Among the items on sale were "Samburgers", which they co-developed with local company Kasui. "Samburgers" are healthy, low-salt

and low-fat burgers made with saury (*samma* in Japanese) from the Sanriku region and tofu, bean curd, miso, and "Happy"-brand rich flavoring from Hanamaki Agricultural High School. "I'm very happy we were able to make something out of the students' desire to help the affected areas," said Yayoi Ozawa, a teacher at the school.



Samburgers as part of a balanced meal

With the iron wills of these students, the event was a huge success and the products they had prepared sold out completely, with their 3-day target of 450 Samburger sales being comfortably met.



A Hanamaki Agricultural High School Student explaining Samburgers



"Salmon Fry" (left) with "Samburgers" (right)



"Ama Club" Kuji Higashi High School students at the Iwate Booth



Kuji's "Amarine" (left) with JR's BRT rail line reconstruction mascot "Oppa-kun"

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Iwate Prefecture is recruiting contract workers to help with the reconstruction in both prefectural bodies (the prefectural office in Morioka, and regional branch offices) as well as in coastal municipal government.

We hope to receive as many applications as possible from people with the incentive to help us build a better Iwate for the future.

General office work application period: July 29, 2014 (Tuesday) to August 29, 2014 (Friday); written examination September 21, 2014 (Sunday)
Civil engineering application period: June 2 (Monday) to July 18 (Friday); no written examination (positions determined based on documentation)

Term of contract (preliminary): April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2018 (3 years)

Type of work	Number of positions	Primary location of work	Principal duties
General office work	Around 35	In prefectural bodies: Local branch offices or the main prefectural building in Morioka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerical work related to Iwate's reconstruction and revival projects. • Permits and licenses, other general office work.
		In municipal governments: Miyako City, Ofunato City, Otsuchi Town, Yamada Town or Noda Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front desk, National Health Insurance, consultation on rebuilding lives, taxes, public housing, acquisition of and compensation for land, other general office work.
Civil engineering	Around 24	In prefectural bodies: Mostly local branch offices in the coastal region, or the main prefectural building in Morioka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, budgeting, ordering materials, overseeing construction, etc. for public civil engineering projects (seawalls, harbors, fishing ports, fish farms, roads, rivers, water supply, etc.)
		In municipal governments: Miyako City, Ofunato City, Otsuchi Town, Tanohata Village or Noda Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, budgeting, ordering materials, overseeing construction, etc. for public civil engineering projects (roads, water and sewer services, fishing ports, etc.)



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• Android OS4.0 and newer, iOS6.0 and newer



For more information:

6/16 (Monday)

Omoto Junior High students Celebrate rebuilding of schoolhouse

Iwaizumi

On Monday, June 16, Iwaizumi Municipal Omoto Junior High School and Elementary School held the ceremony to pray for the safety of construction work on their new school building. The ceremony took place in the Minaminakano area of Omoto, Iwaizumi, with roughly 80 people in attendance. Omoto is home to the entrance of Ryusendo, one of Japan's Three Great Limestone Caves.

Students from both schools took part in the groundbreaking ceremony, and marked the occasion with the local traditional dance "Nakano Nanato-mai". The students are currently continuing their studies in emergency temporary school

facilities.

The new building will be 4-floors and made of reinforced concrete, and will serve both the elementary and junior high schools. Elementary school classrooms will be on the first and second floors, with junior high classrooms on the third and fourth. The fourth floor will also be equipped with an emergency storeroom and a disaster memorial room.

On 3/11, both schools' buildings were washed away by the tsunami, but thankfully all the students were able to evacuate to high ground.



Groundbreaking by related parties



Groundbreaking by the elementary school students



Traditional dance performance by the junior high school students

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 20 introduces Ms. Izumi Ibaraki's efforts.

Profile:

Originally from Takachiho Town in Miyazaki Prefecture.

After graduating university, she joined an educational firm with the intention of spreading quality education throughout Japan.

At a study group for young working people, she learnt of "Kamaentai" (Kamaishi Supporters) and applied to join them. From 2013 she has been a Kamaishi Regional Coordinator for the Kamaentai Council.

Kamaishi's reconstruction must be on the "soft" level as well as the "hard"

Ibaraki experienced the Great East Japan Earthquake while holidaying in Morioka to celebrate her graduation from university. She was touched by the kindness of the local people, and promised herself that she would repay the debt someday. This, combined with a desire to get to know Iwate more directly, is why she applied for Kamaentai. She currently works in a management role at Kamaentai, supporting people on the ground.



Kamaishi
Regional Coordinator
Izumi Ibaraki



"I hope everyone will come and see how the local people's efforts for Kamaishi slowly become a reality."

"I think the central part of Kamaishi has mostly recovered, but there are places in Unosumai and other areas where there are still no buildings, and I think that a gap in the reconstruction progress has developed between some regions and others," she said, when asked about the reconstruction. "Also, I think that while the rebuilding of infrastructure is proceeding as planned, the revival of the community, care for children, rebuilding of livelihoods and so on has begun to lag behind. I feel like it's a much bigger job to rebuild on a 'soft' level as well as a 'hard' one."

People should look to Kamaishi's future

"In Kamaishi I often meet people who are working to better the region. I think this can lead to big improvements in the future."

Ibaraki has big hopes for the future of Kamaishi, working on green tourism, horse-trekking tours to revive the horse culture of the Hashino area of the city, tours which allow people to stay in traditional-style houses, and even the development of the new food product *uni-man* (sea urchin buns).

Casualties & Damage in Iwate As of May 31, 2014

- ▶ Human casualties/deaths: 4,672; Missing: 1,132
- ▶ Buildings destroyed (residences only, total/partial): 25,706

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 May 31, 2014

Donations for survivors: Around ¥18.14013 billion (89,205 donations)

Donations for reconstruction projects: Around ¥19.56102 billion (6,833 donations)

Iwate Learning Hope Fund donations: Around ¥6.86 billion (13,455 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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