

Almost 4 months have passed since the March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. We in Iwate would like to sincerely thank everyone throughout the country and overseas that sent us such warm encouragement and support. We want to continue to treasure these bonds.

We will slowly but surely proceed towards reconstruction, such as building temporary housing in the affected areas.

Here we will introduce the current state of Iwate, step by step towards reconstruction.

The Road Towards Reconstruction

Official Announcement of the Proposal of Reconstruction Basic Plans!

Iwate has made its Proposal of Reconstruction Basic Plans public in order to proceed with reconstruction efforts.

So that no more lives are lost, we are aiming "To Protect Life, To Live Together with the Sea and Land, and To Create a Homeland Iwate and Sanriku." Also, there are three basic rules for reconstruction: "Securement of Safety," "Rebuilding Lives," and "Regenerating Livelihoods." These describe the steps we must take for reconstruction, from emergency actions to long-term projects.

We are now listening to public comments (until July 31). We plan to hold regional information sessions and reflect on more opinions before determining a course of action this fall.

« Plan Construction and Period »



Progress on Temporary Housing



(Temporary Housing in Iioka, Yamada Town)

All of the planned temporary housing have started construction. Temporary housing will be completed in mid-July.
(To be constructed : 13,824 buildings)

Thank you to everyone for your support.

★ Survivor Donation Account Records (as of 6/24)

~¥13,954,850,000 (62,117 donations)

★ Reconstruction Donation Account Records (as of 6/24)

~¥5,338,140,000 (3,833 donations)

«Collection of Donations for Survivors and Reconstruction Efforts»

<http://www.pref.iwate.jp/~bousai/jyuhou/volunteer.html>

Towards Restoration of the Fishing Industry

◆ Miyako boasted the highest production volume of wakame seaweed in the country. Most of the cultivation facilities were destroyed, but fishermen pooled their strength and resumed operations, collecting wild wakame.



Shigetomi Yamazaki, a wakame fisherman in Miyako said, "We've been able to make preparations to continue living here. I am happy we were able to harvest the wakame we waited so much for."

Damage Status of Iwate Prefecture (as of 6/29)

- Human Damages - Deaths : 4,566, Missing : 2,233
- Building Damages (completely or partially destroyed) : 26,892 buildings
- Shelter Situation Refugees : 13,109
(Details) In shelters : 9,339 (239 shelters)
 - In prefectural housing : 2,457
 - In other prefectures : 1,313

Special Report

Hiraizumi's Cultural Heritage's Inscription on the World Heritage List!

Hiraizumi's cultural heritage was inscribed on the World Heritage list on June 29.



The Governor's Speech to the World Heritage Committee (Excerpt)

Being the Governor of Iwate, a region hit by the March 11th disaster, let me first thank you for all the warm sympathy and great help extended to us. And now I thank the Committee for inscribing Hiraizumi on the World Heritage List.

Its inscription therefore will give great encouragement to us who currently face the overwhelming task of recovery from the March 11 disaster, with the original ideals of the construction of Hiraizumi in mind.

The task ahead of us is not an easy one. But the power today's inscription gave us tells that we shall succeed as long as we stay open to the help and encouragement from outside.

The joy and gratitude to you that I have today, will certainly be transmitted to the future generations, which will ensure full conservation of the sites.

(View the Hiraizumi on the World Heritage List here→ <http://www.pref.iwate.jp/~hp0907/english/index.html>)

These events will be held in Tokyo. Please feel free to visit.

Main Survivor Support Events in July

Period	Event Name	Place	Details
July 1 (Fri) - July 31 (Sun)	Genki no Tane Project	Mikasa Kaikan (at Kashiwa, Urawa, Ikebukuro, etc)	An "Iwate Fair" with a menu filled with dishes using Iwate ingredients (Hakkinton Pork, Seiryu Chicken)
July 16 (Sat) - July 24 (Sun)	Summer Sacas 2011~Door to Smiles~	TBS Akasaka Sacas (Akasaka Sacas Square)	Iwate traditional arts will be performed on stage on the 16-17! Iwate specialty goods will also be sold!
July 6 (Wed) - July 10 (Sun)	Ganbaro, Iwate! Iwate University Fair 2011	Iwate Ginga Plaza (Higashi-Ginza) TEL: 03-3524-8282	Goods that Iwate University has cooperatively developed and goods from businesses in affected areas will be sold.
July 11 (Mon) - July 13 (Wed)	South Iwate Reconstruction & Tourism Campaign~Thank You World Heritage and Reconstruction Support~	Iwate Ginga Plaza (Higashi-Ginza) TEL: 03-3524-8282	A corner about directions to newly World Heritage inscribed Hiraizumi, south Iwate tourism PR, tickets for tourism hot spot Geibikei's boat ride, and Iwate-only souvenirs.

Departs and arrives in Tokyo!

【Tourism Info – Come! See! Support!】

Keppare Tohoku! Volunteer Liner (Ganbaro)

To support the affected areas, Iwate Kenpoku Bus Company is looking for volunteers to remove mud, household belongings, and trash. They are taking applications from both organizations (such as NPOs and universities) and private individuals.

Target Municipalities Miyako, Ofunato, Rikuzentakata, Otsuchi

Iwate to Participate in the "United States of Odaiba!"

To support the reconstruction of Eastern Japan, Fuji TV and affected towns are coming together to develop new products and sell them at this venue.

Six towns from Iwate will participate: Miyako, Yamada, Otsuchi, Kamaishi, Ofunato, and Rikuzentakata.

○Period : July 16 (Sat) – August 31 (Wed)

○Venue : Fuji TV Headquarters/Odaiba Area

Stay tuned for more information!