

It has been 6 months since the Great East Japan Earthquake. We are deeply grateful for the heart-warming encouragement and support received from both within and outside of Japan. We will continue to cherish these bonds. All the planned temporary housing was completed on 11th August and all the evacuation shelters were closed down.

【Salmon returns to the Nakatsu River】

The season when salmon return is upon us.

Salmon were seen in the Nakatsu River that flows through Morioka city. These fish swam almost 200 km from the estuary of the Kitakami River in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, as they do every year.

Photo Location :
Nakatsu River



The annual fishing and collecting of salmon eggs in the Tsugaruishi River of Miyako City has also started. Even though the salmon hatchery was damaged during the disaster, the rebuilding was completed in time and by the 13th of September we saw the setting of season's first fishing net.

The recovery and restoration of marine ranches and stock enhancement is also moving forward.



Setting up of fishing nets
at Tsugaruishi River

【Thank You !

We're moving on !】

The "Iwate Restoration Girls" are a group of 9 girls from Iwate Pref. University who formed their group with the purpose of becoming a bridge between Iwate and Tokyo metropolitan areas.



The "Restoration Girls" at
a reconstruction fair at
Iwate Galaxy Plaza

The group is involved in a variety of activities such as the planning and development of original products in cooperation with industries affected by disaster, selling those products in Tokyo and surrounding areas, sharing *wakame* seaweed recipes on the internet, and so on. The group sold items such as key chains made of Takata Matsubara's pine trees at a reconstruction event held at Iwate Ginga Plaza in Ginza, Tokyo on the 16th and 17th of September to aid the reconstruction efforts in the disaster-hit areas.

- "Kerokko"(website about Iwate's Delicacies; Follow the Restoration Girls on:
http://kerokko.jp/user/php/fukkou_girls.php
- Restoration Girls' Facebook Page
<http://www.facebook.com/fukkougirls>

【Hirono Town · Recovery of Sea Urchin Egg Production】

Hirono Town has been sustained by a 'stock propagation' fishing industry that involves releasing sea urchin raised from eggs. However, the March tsunami destroyed all of the 6 million sea urchin eggs.

In spite of such tough conditions, on September 1st, Hirono Town succeeded in carrying out the insemination of the sea urchin eggs for the first time since the disaster, thus marking a fresh start toward the post-disaster recovery.



Mr. Kazuhiro Hakoishi

"I hope that everybody in Hirono town will make the new history of sea urchin egg."

The director of Iwate's Fish Farming Cooperative Association, Mr. Kazuhiro Hakoishi (pictured above) believes that restoration of Hirono's sea urchin business would mean the recovery of Iwate's Sanriku Brand; thus, the future of the prefecture is connected with the future of cultivated sea urchin eggs.

>>>For details, watch "Iwate Pref. Programme 「Iwate'Kibo-no-Chikara」"

Episode 16 ~ Restoring the Production Center of Sea Urchin Eggs (Broadcast on September 19, 20, 22, 25) <http://bit.ly/qTPKbL>

Thank you all for your support!!

Survivor Donation Amount (As of 15th September)

Approx. 15.2462 billion Yen (66,195 donations)

Reconstruction Donation Amount (As of 15th September)

Approx. 5,216,600,000 Yen (3,752 donations)

Iwate Fund to Support Children's Education
(As of 15th September)

Approx. 1.35497 billion Yen (2,541 donations)

For Donations/Contributions

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

【Casualties & Damage in Iwate (As of 28th September)】

- Human Casualties/Deaths : 4,664 Missing Persons : 1,633
- Buildings(Residences only; complete/partially damaged) : 24,738

【2011 Supplementary Budget Announcement ~ Moving Forward with Recovery and Rebuilding ~】

Iwate Prefecture announced its supplementary budget plan for the recovery and rebuilding efforts after the damage caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. The budget will be discussed at the prefectural assembly meeting to be convened on 5th October.

The main projects included in the supplementary budget are described in the chart below. Apart from the projects mentioned in the chart, a number of other projects and plans are also being stressed such as: repair of damaged traffic lights, ensuring the electricity supply to the traffic lights in case of power failure through use of generators, construction of assembly rooms or common rooms at the temporary housing complexes, restoration of fishery industry through activities involving the repair and rebuilding of marine products processing facilities, etc.

The Supplementary Budget Plan also includes the information about the projects that are utilizing donations; such projects are expected to include grant aid for the establishment of support centers for elderly people that act as 'day service centers,' as well as for the building of small sized fishing vessels.

>>>For Details: ... http://www.pref.iwate.jp/syoku/H23_hosei7gou.pdf

Great East Japan Disaster Supplementary Budget Plan

Project	Allocated Budget	Outline
Sanriku Railway Reconstruction Project	5.7,500 Billion Yen	Provision of grants for the restoration of the Sanriku Railway Line which suffered serious damage from the disaster.
Harbor Restoration Project	1.37,500 Billion Yen	Funds will be drawn from the Special Account in order to carry out restoration work of the disaster-hit harbor facilities.
Support for the Prevention of Radioactive Substance Effects on Agricultural Production and Environment	28 Million Yen	Provision of devices to measure radioactive substances in agricultural land and soil along with guidance related to appropriate production management measures.
Iwate Prefecture Industry Rebuilding Support Organization Project (Provisional)	500 Million Yen	Finance organizations which would be established to resolve the double debt problems of entrepreneurs hit by the disaster.



【Smile with Iwate, Smile in Iwate】
Thank you all for your support!

Iwate Prefecture has created a PR campaign in order to convey the recovery and rebuilding efforts of Iwate and to promote the universal attraction of Iwate as expressed in its official tagline, "The Golden Land". The Prefecture hopes that this PR campaign will help to express its gratitude for the support it has received and also lend further momentum to its recovery and reconstruction efforts. 『Rebuilding Iwate』 3 Posters (Pictures on the right), 『Golden Land Iwate』 3 Posters (Pictures on the left)

These posters will be displayed on all the Toei Subway trains from 29th September and will also be used for the recovery support link-up activities with private sector companies and local governments, as well as at reconstruction support events organized all over Japan.

>>>Please click here for the posters
■ Iwate Pref. HP 『Smile with Iwate, Smile in Iwate』
<http://www.pref.iwate.jp/view.rbz?cd=34562>

