

News from Iwate's Reconstruction

The news from Iwate as it moves toward reconstruction

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

61 Days until the National Sports Festival
82 Days until the National Sports Festival for the People with Disabilities



Kamaishi Rugby World Cup: Encouraging Children

Former New Zealand Rugby Star Dan Carter

Kamaishi

On July 17th, 2016 (Sun), a meet-and-greet event called Dan Carter Charity for All was held at the construction site for Kamaishi Unosumai Reconstruction Stadium (preliminary name).

This event was held as a part of the Children's Self-Support Program, which provides help for children who experienced the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. The special guests were Dan Carter, who helped New Zealand become the first team to win two Rugby World Cups in a row at the 2015 tournament in England, as well as Coach Katsuyuki Kiyomiya of the Rugby Top League team Yamaha Motor Jubilo. They visited the Reconstruction Stadium, which is currently under construction for the 2019 World Cup. A talk session and a rugby practice for the local children and residents was also held.

"Overcoming adversity is the key to success. You have to be strong. This stadium will rival anywhere else I've ever played. I want to come back in three years, once it's been finished," said Carter, who had experienced the 2011 earthquake in New Zealand. Carter performed the kick-off ceremony in celebration for the 2019 World Cup, while participants released balloons into the sky to pray for the success of the event.



Children who were given a rugby ball by Dan Carter



The kick-off ceremony for the event's success

Swimming season is here! Special one-day beach opening in Ofunato

Ofunato

With the opening of Funado Beach in Osanaimachi, Kuji on July 10th, 2016 (Sun), swimming season has officially begun along the coast.

Similar to last year, 8 beaches from Hirono to Otsuchi opened up for the season.

On the 24th (Sun), in Okirai (Sanrikucho, Ofunato), Nami-ita Beach

opened up to the public for a day. This was the first time in 5 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami hit the area.

This was organized by Junior Chamber International Ofunato, in hopes of bringing back opportunities for children to experience the beach. Roughly 200 people visited the beach

on this day. There were also fishing industry tours to learn about aquaculture farming, boat rides, a barbecue, and a watermelon-splitting event.



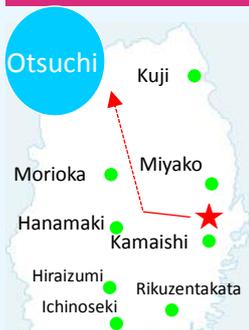
Children enjoying the beach - only open for one day!

Beaches on Iwate's Sanriku Coast

- Edogahama Beach in Taneichi Seaside Park (Hirono)
- Funado Beach (Kuji)
- Samuraimachi-Iwaba Swimming Pool (Kuji)
- Fudai Beach (Fudai)
- Jodogahama Beach (Miyako)
- Fujinokawa Beach (Miyako)
- Aragami Beach (Yamada)
- Kirikiri Beach (Otsuchi)



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



Event ▶ Soft volleyball
Date ▶ October 9, 2016 (Sun) Venue ▶ Otsuchi Shiroyama Park Gymnasium
Iwate-ken, Kamihei-gun, Otsuchi-cho, Kozuchi Dai 32-chiwari 126
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Otsuchi INFORMATION

A town of 12,300 people located in the middle of the Sanriku Coast, blessed with an abundance of top quality natural resources from the oceans and mountains, such as wakame seaweed and shiitake mushrooms. The town is a food paradise, as it is the birthplace of aramaki salmon, suki konbu seaweed and Iso ramen. Otsuchi Festival, the biggest festival in the town, is held from September 16th (Fri) to the 18th (Sun). Several traditional art events are spread out across the town, such as the carrying of portable shrines, and the daikagura, shishiodori (deer), and toramai (tiger) dances.



Otsuchi Festival

