

We are deeply grateful for the heart-warming encouragement and support received from both within and outside Japan in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami which struck on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011. We will always cherish the precious bonds created during this time. Recently, many people lost their homes and were forced to evacuate due to the recent storm and landslide disaster in Northern Kyushu. We feel your pain. The disaster areas of Tohoku are sending the people of Kyushu their best wishes.

As we pray for the quick recovery from the storm disaster, we bring you the latest news from Iwate's gradual reconstruction.

**Sports Players Lend a Helping Hand in Seaside Areas**

Since the earthquake, a great many sportspeople have visited the affected area to engage in aid activities. Their goal is to bring smiles to the faces of the children in the afflicted areas.

★Sporting figures who have visited coastal areas  
(notable figures from within the last month)★

Date	Name	Area visited	Activities
8 July	Rikkyo University Baseball Team	Rikuzentakata City	Participated in joint relief efforts by municipal and private universities
7 July	Yuko Mitsuya Miyako Yamashita Asako Tajimi (former volleyball players)	Kamaishi City	Worked with the health aid project "Kokoro to Karada no Sukoyaka no tame ni (For Healthy Hearts and Bodies)"
5 July	Takafumi Ogura (former soccer player)	Kuji City	Worked with the JFA Kirin Smile Field (organized by Kirin Group)
1 July	Kimiyasu Kudo (former baseball player)	Rikuzentakata City	Taught a baseball class
23 June	Makoto Hasebe (soccer player)	Otsuchi Town	Worked with Japan Committee for UNICEF's "Otosan Shien Programme (Father Support Program"
21 June	Eiji Kawashima (soccer player)	Kamaishi City	Worked with staff of the Foundation for Promoting Sound Growth of Children

Children's smiles brighten the lives of the survivors in affected areas, and have the power to aid our reconstruction.

We have received support from all over the country and abroad in many different ways. We will proceed in our reconstruction efforts one step at a time, using these bonds as our strength. Thank you for your support.

**Donations to Iwate's Fund to Support Children's Education**

★Donations as of 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Approx. 4.52256 billion (6,930 donations)**

To aid the lives and learning of children affected by the disaster, through encouraging their participation in study and sports

>>>For details

<http://www.pref.iwate.jp/view.rbz?nd=4441&of=1&ik=3&pnp=4353&pnp=4441&cd=33420>

**Casualties and Damage in Iwate (as of 11<sup>th</sup> July)**

○Human Casualties and Deaths: 4,671      ○Missing: 1, 211

○Buildings Destroyed (Residences only; totally or partially destroyed): 24,881

>>>Iwate Disaster Information Portal (about damages, etc) <http://www.pref.iwate.jp/~bousai/taioujoukyou/index.html#new>

**Moving toward a revival of the sea urchin industry!**

Hirono Town's fishery facilities were severely damaged as a result of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

The Iwate Prefectural Sea-Farming Association's Taneichi Office is attempting to revive the fishing industry in the long run. They intend to do this by releasing artificially cultivated sea urchins into the wild, so that they can be caught again in 2 or 3 years. In the wake of a rapid recovery of fishing facilities, last September saw the reestablishment of production of sea urchin eggs. As a result, they were able to release a large number of the urchins this May.



Mr. Kazuhiro Hakoishi, Director of the Taneichi Office of the Iwate Prefectural Sea-Farming Association

>>>For more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/raM4Ty>

Iwate Pref. TV Program "Iwate: One Step Towards Hope"  
Part 11: Moving Toward a Revival of the Sea Urchin Industry!  
(Shown on July 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15)



**Thank you all for your support!!**

★Donations for Survivors (As of 31<sup>st</sup> May)

Approx. ¥ 17.32704 billion (79,597 donations)

To be distributed to the disaster-hit people by local administrations

★Contributions for Reconstruction Projects (As of 31<sup>st</sup> May)

Approx. ¥15.63306 billion (5,246 contributions)

To be used in prefectural restoration and reconstruction projects

>>>For Donations and Contributions

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

### The End of the Iwate Destination Campaign

The Iwate Destination Campaign, which started in April, ended on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

The people of Iwate dedicated themselves to showing “the best hospitality in Japan” as thanks for all of the support they received from within Japan and around the world for their reconstruction. They worked so that visitors to Iwate would experience the prefecture’s charms and have a wonderful, satisfying trip.

The campaign is now over but summer in Iwate has only just begun. We will keep polishing our spirit of our hospitality so that we can continue to create tales of wonder during the “Ihatov Iwate” tourism campaign.

***Iwate e Odense!***

**Welcome to Iwate!**



JR Yamada Line  
Moichi Station

The Anpanman-themed tram that  
ran during the campaign

### Diploma Reprints for Survivors For Graduates of Prefectural High Schools or Special Support Schools

The Prefectural Board of Education will distribute **free reprints of diplomas** to survivors of the disaster-affected areas who have **graduated from prefectural schools**.

**Where to Apply:** The office of your former school

**Period:** From 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 (Mon)

#### Required Documents

- Reprint application form (provided by the school)
- Copy of Disaster-Victim Certificate
- Identification of the applicant
- (In cases where the applicant is not the graduate in question) A power of attorney letter or other authorization form, or certification of familial relationship

#### ◆ Questions

(Regarding procedures) Individual schools

(In general) Prefectural B.O.E. ☎ 019-629-6140

We support the spirits of the survivors.

>>>For details

<http://ftp.www.pref.iwate.jp/view.rbz?nd=1805&of=1&ik=3&pnp=86&pnp=1779&pnp=1805&cd=39470>

« News » ◆ You can read about Iwate’s reconstruction situation and related projects on “Iwate Reconstruction Net”!

→ <http://www.pref.iwate.jp/view.rbz?cd=39696&ik=0&pnp=14>

### A Prayer for the Dead

On the night of the Tanabata Festival on July 7<sup>th</sup>, at Miyako City’s Jōdogahama Beach, a prayer for the dead was offered in commemoration of those who lost their lives in last year’s earthquake. Attached to the 500 *tōrō* lanterns set out upon the sea were messages of encouragement for those who suffered in the disaster, and reflections on those who died. The stage saw performances of Yamaguchi *Daiko* drums and Kuromori *Kagura* dancing. Monks from the Mōtsū-ji Temple performed the “Ennen no Mai”, a Buddhist ritual involving song and dance. According to the monks, performances outside of the Mōtsū-ji grounds are a very rare event.

Through these many wonderful sights, our resolve toward reconstruction has been renewed!

*Tōrō* lanterns



Yamaguchi *Daiko* drums



Kuromori *Kagura* dancing



Ennen no Mai



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