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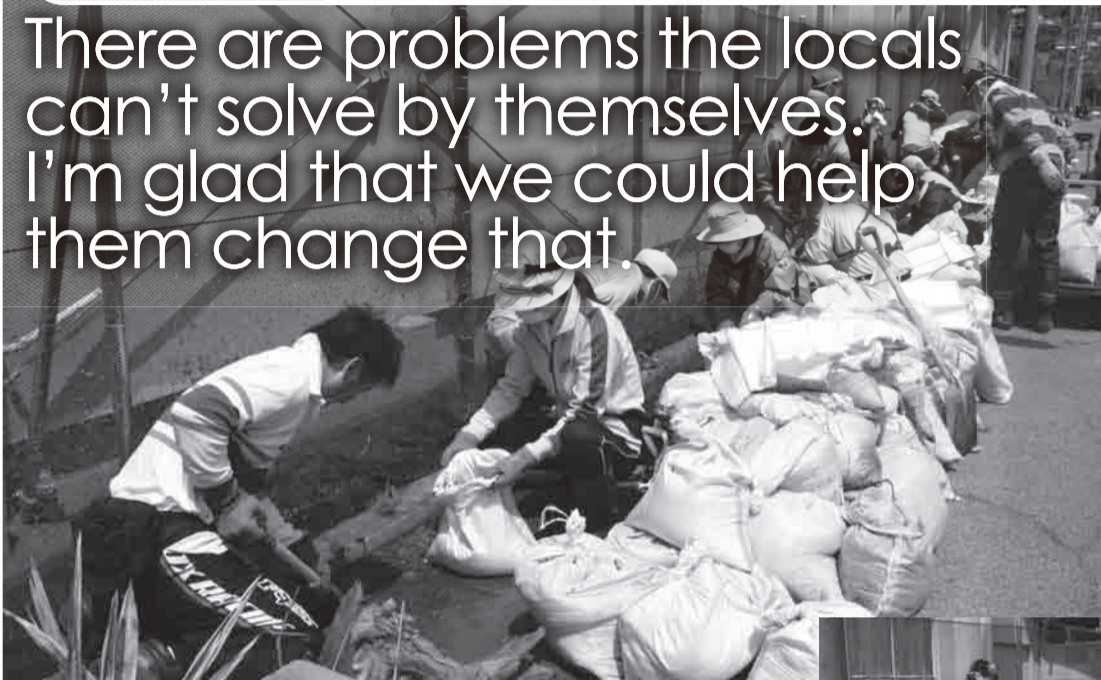
●About this information leaflet
This (weekly) information leaflet is to be distributed at disaster volunteer centers around the prefecture to provide people with information about the activities run by relief volunteers who are assisting disaster victims and helping with the recovery efforts, as well as providing the reader with immediately useful information and relief coordination. Please send any thoughts or comments to the following address.

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Volunteer Report: Volunteer Buses (Iwaki City)

There are problems the locals can't solve by themselves. I'm glad that we could help them change that.



▲This kamaboko (fish cake) factory is a family business, passed down for three generations since the mid-1920's. Volunteers helped clear the ocean mud from the ditches beside it.

From May 3rd to 8th, the Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Center dispatched volunteer buses to the cities of Iwaki and Shinchi-machi as part of its support for afflicted regions. On May 4th, 42 people from Fukuoka, Tokyo, Niigata and other parts of Japan helped clean out mud in the Onahama region of Iwaki City. "We helped clean mud out of the ditches on the side of a factory, and carried it out in bags. This was something the locals couldn't do anything about by themselves, and I'm glad we got to help them change that," said one volunteer from Fukuoka. Everyone aboard the fully-packed buses was united by a shared purpose, and all thought about the disaster victims as they headed to their destinations. The bus driver for these trips is himself still looking for his family, who went missing after the tsunami. "Every day after the disaster has been difficult. But everyone here today really cheered me up." His words awoke a powerful drive inside us. We want to thank everyone so much for what they've done.



▲Coordinators talk about the proper mindset for volunteering.



▲With 42 volunteers from across Japan on board, the bus heads to Iwaki.



▲The mud is thick and heavy, and digging it out is slow work.



▲The last task for the day is carrying out the mud in bags.



▲"When we're done rebuilding, we want to get back to where we started and make our fish cakes even more delicious," said the factory owner. (Right)

Volunteer Report

"Uru-Uru Pack" Volunteers

On April 28th, three nurseries in Shinchi-machi received "Uru-Uru Packs" from the 1% Club. They contained "Packs for Friends" with puzzles and other goods for infants, and "Packs for Ladies" with cosmetics and other supplies for their caretakers. There were also packs for children just starting school. The vital supplies in these "Uru-Uru Packs" were gathered outside the disaster areas. Corporate employees volunteered to pack them into bags so that they could be distributed to the individual households that needed them. It's a wonderful feeling to be able to deliver donations by hand. (April 28, 2011)

Inside a Pack for Friends (boy version)



Inside a Pack for Ladies



Packs arrive at the Komagamine Nursery

Introducing local volunteer centers:

The Minamisoma Disaster Volunteer Center

30 Kashima-ku Disaster Volunteer Center

The disaster center in Minamisoma's Kashima-ku is located on the first floor of its welfare service center, and opened on March 28th. Kiyohiko Sato, center vice-president and member of the city social welfare council, tells us that "I wanted to have a center that never stops smiling." The head of Kashima-ku and its welfare officers distributed flyers door to door, gradually bringing in more requests for volunteer work. As of this interview, roughly 80 people a day come here to volunteer, with as many as 350 during Golden Week. "I'm glad that our center can help the city that I love so much," says Mr. Sato. (Interview conducted in late April, 2011)



Mr. Sato is in the center in the front row.

31 Haramachi-ku Disaster Volunteer Center

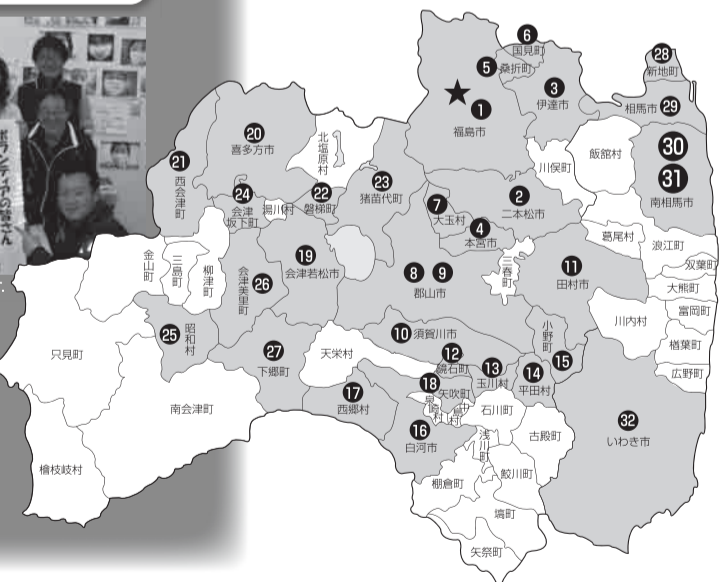
The Haramachi-ku center can be found in the district welfare hall. Keita Aoki, center representative and member of the city social welfare council, told us about their recent activities: "In March, we mostly ran the evacuation centers and confirmed the safety of elderly people still living at home. After April 22nd, we were no longer required to remain indoors, so we've had more requests for support in helping clear out debris and clean up damages homes." The center dispatched roughly 100 volunteers per day in the months of March and April. Over 250 volunteers came for Golden Week, a fact which made those here realize just how many people support them. (Interview conducted in late April, 2011)



Mr. Aoki is in the center.

Disaster Volunteer Centers Map

Placed at 32 locations, as of May 12th



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