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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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Fukushima General Social Welfare Center Workshop about the Great East Japan Earthquake titled, "Disaster Assistance among Temporary Housing"

Linking the power and fabric of various people.
Let's bring back our daily life like it was before the earthquake



▲Participants expressing their thoughts and questions after the lecture.

◀ A powerpoint presentation about the Chuetsu Oki Earthquake. It depicts stretching exercises for the people living in temporary housing.



The workshop on the Great East Japan Earthquake "Disaster Assistance among Temporary Housing" was held at the Fukushima General Social Welfare Center on Monday the 23rd of May 2011.

More than 100 people including municipality officials, volunteer staff of Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Center and others from institutions and parties who were interested about this topic attended the workshop.

The three speakers presented on the day, namely, Mr. Asano Yasuhiko (Secretary General) from Kashiwagi-city General Social Welfare of Niigata prefecture, Mr. Okake Yukio (former supervisor of Life Support Adviser) and Ms. Otsuka Mamiko (Senior Staff for Life Support). The theme for lectures was "the Fact and Issues in Assisting Occupants of Temporary Housing: from the Experience of the Chuetsu Earthquake".

The lecture drew on information from a lecture given four years ago after the Chuetsu Earthquake. It provided a lot of useful information, showing pictures of

the temporary houses and assembly hall used during the Chuetsu Earthquake, how the people lived in the temporary shelter and the activities held by the life support counselors.

All the participants took notes and listened carefully. Especially, as a lot of people in Fukushima prefecture are living in similar conditions due to the nuclear plant disaster.

During the question and answer session, there was some discussion regarding building a better support network for people in this situation.

Soon the Fukushima Social Welfare Council will publish their "Social Welfare Council Activities' Guidelines for the Temporary Houses" in cooperation with the Kashiwagi City Social Welfare Council. The purpose of the guidelines is to help bring back life to as it was before the disaster. Let us combine the power of the people and organizations to make this come true.

"Inquiring after missing people, operating the reception of volunteers, planning and practicing events, creating networks with the local community and so on. The work of life support adviser is varied." Says Mr. Asano (Kashiwagi-City General Social Welfare of Niigata prefecture) ▶



▲ "Discussion groups which are held in the assembly hall are recommended for creating a sense of community among the residents. To proceed with the things that the occupants of temporary housing can do is a lasting point." Says Ms. Otsuka (Senior Staff for Life Support)



▲ "The important thing for the life support advisor is to keep an eye on people, to observe if people are in pain, which often cannot be expressed by words, and to come up with a solution." Says Mr. Okake (former supervisor of Life Support Adviser).

Introduction Municipality Disaster Volunteer Centers

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Shinchi-machi Disaster Volunteer Center is administrated by local staff, social welfare council staff from all over Japan including Hokkaido, Kanto and Kyushu, and people from the Disaster Support Project. The Shinchi-machi Disaster Volunteer Center has been operating with admirable cooperation in helping to promote the recovery of Shinchi town since April 21st, 2011. As at the 24th May 2011 the total number of volunteer registrations was 1,367 individuals and 22 groups. Many people have been supporting the Shinchi-machi Disaster Volunteer Center. Everyday during the golden week the volunteer bus was full. "When I reached the office at 7:30am, the carpark at the center was full of cars from people who came to help. We had to start our activities 30 minutes late" says Mr. Koizumi Shuhei, the chief of the Shinchi Town Social Welfare Council.

It has been two and a half months since the disaster. According to Mr. Koizumi, previously most of the work concerned the supply of food and clearing out rubble and mud, but from now on, it seems that there is a demand for help from people for assistance in moving into temporary housing and assembling furniture. There is one last important thing. It was decided that the volunteers at the center should have a day off every Thursday from May 26th. If there are any problems we will of course attend to it anytime. Mr. Koizumi told the residents to "Please feel free to contact us. We can overcome any difficulty together".



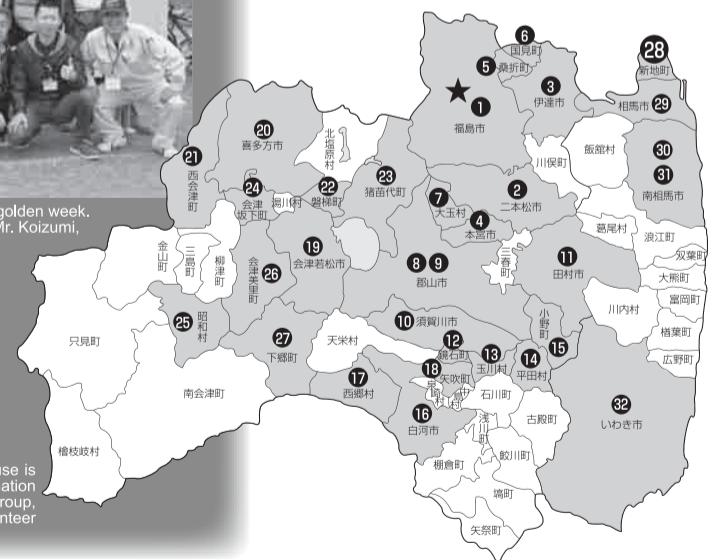
▲ Picture with the staff who worked hard during the golden week. The person at end of the front row on the right is Mr. Koizumi, the chief of the center.



▲ There are five prefabricated houses. The first house is for general affairs, the second house is an information center, the third house is for a needs-matching group, the fourth house is for the reporting of volunteer activities and the fifth house is a materials store.

Disaster Volunteer Centers Map

Placed at 32 locations, as of May 30th



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