

HEARTFULL FUKUSHIMA

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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 1

Public Interest Incorporated Association
Junior Chamber International Japan, Tohoku Region Fukushima Block Council

Our mission is to show vibrant GENKI FUKUSHIMA to the rest of the nation and make more people understand Fukushima.



▲“The project to make Fukushima GENKI” sells Fukushima’s special local products. The event has been held in Tachikawa, Hachioji, Yokohama, Omiya, and other cities. (At Yokohama Port Anniversary Bazar)



▲We deliver a GENKI Fukushima also for our peers who were affected by the disaster but cannot get involved in the activities. With the members of Junior Chamber Chofu, Tokyo Block Council (The fourth person from the right in the front row is the chairman Sakata. In Chofu)

Public Interest Incorporated Association Junior Chamber International Japan, Tohoku Region Fukushima Block Council which is a member of the Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Liaison Council, is a nationwide organization. The chairman Atsushi Sakata said, “Right after the earthquake disaster, our main activity was to coordinate with the Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Center and welfare facilities within the prefecture to distribute the relief supplies we received from the branches of Junior Chamber in other parts of Japan.” After a while, the Council continued receiving offers from the Junior Chamber branches throughout the nation to hold Fukushima Fairs in support of Fukushima suffering from harmful rumors. Recently, Fukushima Fairs have been held every weekend mainly in the Kanto area to show how vibrant and GENKI Fukushima is. “After having done this so many times,” Sakata says, “we have realized that the Fukushima we represent is different from the Fukushima they know from TV or newspapers. When we heard people say ‘We are so glad you are GENKI’, we felt certain that it is our mission to show everyone a GENKI and lively Fukushima.” At those fairs, they cherish the conversations with the visitors. Making more people know and really understand Fukushima will lead to a new stronger bond. “Support for the self-reliance of disaster victims has really yet to start, and we can use all the support possible from volunteer staff. It is also our mission to deliver Fukushima spirit with our own words. Showing a GENKI Fukushima to the whole nation will give the whole world a better understanding of how GENKI Fukushima really is.” The Fair’s weekends are all booked till the end of September. If, by any chance, you see the flag for the fair, “Project to make Fukushima GENKI”, please make a visit.



▲“We are so happy to see you so well and GENKI.”
“Yes, we are GENKI. Please keep supporting Fukushima.”

Volunteer Report 2

Sakura no Seibo Junior College
“Let’s be united – Sakura Colored Smile Project”

At Sakura no Seibo Junior College, a group of students discussed what they could do and established the “Let’s be united – Sakura Colored Smile Project” to actively contribute to the local society after the earthquake disaster. In this project, the group has been involved in various activities. “The GAMBAPPE (let’s try hard together) EXERCISE has especially been appreciated at the visited venues since it’s easy to do and makes the body feel lighter. The project leader Maki Okada (lecturer at the junior college) said, “I’ve been watching the activities done by the students, and I discovered the importance of exchange and exercising and how enjoyable they are. Even though the time is short, all the evacuees smile as they spend time with our students. I’m really happy to see that.” Requests for “GAMBAPPE EXERCISE” are accepted at any time. Please call the junior college. TEL:024-534-7137

▶“GAMBAPPE EXERCISE” consists of four easy body postures such as the ‘AIIIN Pose’ (Lift one arm to the same level as your chin, then bend your elbow putting your hand in front of your chin with the palm down). The postures are repeated, so the exercise is easy for anyone to learn.



▲At the evacuation center within Fukushima University which was open until April 30th. (April 9th, 2011)

Introduction of Local Cheering Squad

Fukushima Kotsu Kanko Inc. (a transportation & sightseeing company)



Fukushima Kotsu Kanko, K.K. runs a disaster volunteer bus in Shinchi-machi to support volunteers from all over Japan who have come to help Fukushima’s rehabilitation and reconstruction. The bus is always filled with warm thoughts of the volunteers. One time, a shrine was found near the area of activity, and all the volunteers went there to pray for the future of the area. Local person came by and showed their appreciation saying “We have been given the strength to stand up by seeing you work every day.” This expression of appreciation came from deep inside. “I’m sure everyone there felt the same way. Fukushima Kotsu group, as a local company, will keep providing assistance for the reconstruction of Fukushima. We’d like to ask people all over Japan to continue to give us a hand for a while.” Atsushi Hayasaka (Fukushima Kotsu Kanko) says. Let’s keep delivering the GENKI spirit together!

▲“My job is very diverse. I accept applications, arrange bus reservations, lunches, and I also work as a toureescort” says Hayasaka.



Meitetsu Kanko Service, K.K.

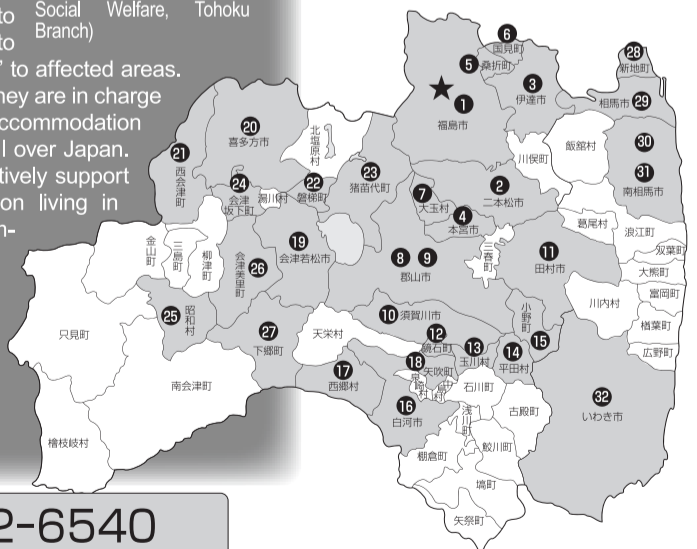


Meitetsu Kankou Service, K.K. has a branch office in the building of the Japan Council of Social Welfare (Tokyo) and has business relationships with the Council of Social Welfare throughout the nation. Since right after the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, the whole company has been actively involved in trying to support victims by encouraging its employees to donate money and by sending ‘bathing buses’ to affected areas. At the Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Center, they are in charge of running volunteer buses and arranging accommodation and transportation for supporting staff from all over Japan. “As for the volunteer bus, we’d like to also actively support coordinators attending the bus. As a person living in Fukushima, I am truly grateful for the warm-heartedness of the volunteers. Thank you very much!” says Masaki Uematsu who also works as a volunteer staff answering phones on weekends. His gentle voice makes is very soothing.



Disaster Volunteer Centers Map

Placed at 32 locations, as of June 20th



★ Fukushima Disaster Volunteer Center TEL:024-522-6540

- 1 Fukushima City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 2 Nihonmatsu City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 3 Date City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 4 Motomiya City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 5 Kori-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 6 Kunimi-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 7 Otama-mura Disaster Volunteer Center
- 8 Koriyama City Disaster Volunteer Center

- 9 'Odagaisama' Center
Big Palette Fukushima Life Support Volunteer Center
- 10 Sukagawa City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 11 Tamura City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 12 Kagamiishi-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 13 Tamakawa-mura Disaster Volunteer Center
- 14 Hirata-mura Disaster Volunteer Center
- 15 Ono-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 16 Shirakawa City Disaster Volunteer Center

- 17 Nishigo-mura Disaster Volunteer Center
- 18 Yabuki-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 19 Aizuwakamatsu City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 20 Kitakata City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 21 Nishiaizu-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 22 Bandai-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 23 Inawashiro-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 24 Aizubange-machi Disaster Volunteer Center

- 25 Showa-mura Disaster Volunteer Center
- 26 Aizumisato-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 27 Shimogo-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 28 Shinchi-machi Disaster Volunteer Center
- 29 Soma City Disaster Volunteer Center
- 30 Minamisoma City Disaster Volunteer Center, Kashima-ku
- 31 Minamisoma City Disaster Volunteer Center, Haramachi-ku
- 32 Iwaki City Disaster Relief Volunteer Center