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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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Iwaki Citizens' Community Broadcast (aka SEA WAVE FM Iwaki), a broadcast provided to Iwaki City, cancelled all the regular broadcasts right after the earthquake and started to provide citizens useful information which is usually not provided by media. Information about citizens' safety, shelters, and water supply is provided. Although staffs at the radio station suffer from the earthquake as well, they stayed and slept over at the station in order to continue to broadcast.

Supported by different community FM programs, they also provided radio receivers to those who were staying at shelters. Also, those who were not familiar with FM radio, such as elderly people considering the FM broadcast as something for the young ones, now really pay attention to the broadcast. The reason is the FM broadcast provides useful information while people do not have access to TV and/or telephones. What the radio station broadcasts is information that is not available via media but crucial for people. Messages of appreciation have been delivered to the radio station.

Volunteer Report 1 Iwaki City "Iwaki Citizens' Community Broadcast" aka SEA WAVE FM Iwaki

When you are not able to use TV and/or phones...
-Community FM Radio that greatly helped spread information after the earthquake-



The radio service is simultaneously broadcasted on the Internet, as well (<http://www.fm-iwaki.co.jp/>). Its strength is that it is available at places where radio signals do not reach.

Since the lifelines have been recovered, the radio station started preparing for new broadcasts that deliver people's thoughts, hope, and emotions on the earthquake. It will be done by interviewing citizens and organizations in order to record history by "sound."

While some are worried about a collapse of the community after the natural disaster, FM Iwaki will continue its approach from different aspects with its mission to "help construct a new community and strengthen bonds amongst communities."

Volunteer Report 2

Supplying relief goods to the temporary housings

Temporary housings (208 of them) in Minamiyanome, Fukushima City will be used by Minami's people. The day before the pre-meeting (June 19th), relief goods were brought into the housings. Though there had already been sets of "six home appliances," they were not enough, for example, for cooking right after people move to the temporary housings. Then, Minami-machi ordered relief goods (pots, kettles, cups, futons, blankets, kotatsu tables, etc.). Under the lead by Ms. Miki Shiga (in charge of volunteering) from Minami-machi Social Welfare Council, volunteers carried the goods into every single housing.

There were about 100 volunteers who gathered from three neighboring communities, fire departments, the volunteering club at Fukushima Gakuin University, and the natural disaster volunteering SB Net from Fukushima City. Some joined the activity individually. Under the severely hot weather, everybody smoothly did the work and finished it in about an hour.



▲Carrying sets of "futon"



▲Taking out relief goods from the trucks

Introduction of Community Disaster Volunteer Center

20 Life Support Volunteer Center "Tsunagappe! Okuma"



▲The manager Mr. Watanabe greeting at the opening ceremony. 22 people registered as volunteers as of June 15th.



▲"We'd like to do more activities focused on interaction, as well," says Ms. Takeuchi.

Established on June 14th, Okuma-machi's Life Support Volunteer Center "Tsunagappe! Okuma" ("Let's build bonds! Okuma") aims at creating a system that supports everyday life. People in the town join volunteering activities through registration at the Social Welfare Council. Before the earthquake, about 11,500 people lived in Okuma-machi. Since the accident at the nuclear power plant, the town has been an evacuation recommendation. Meanwhile, about 3,000 people temporarily live in Aizuwakamatsu City, another 3,000 in other places in Fukushima Prefecture, and about 5,000 outside the prefecture. Established in the midst of such a circumstance, the volunteer center was named with a wish that there will be continuous interactions among people even at those shelters. Three main ideas for the activities are "supporting volunteer activities," "providing useful information," and "supporting the shelters." "In terms of actual activities, we help people move into temporary housings, issue newsletters, and provide relief goods. We would like to especially focus on supporting people after they moved to temporary housings. We are determined to act together in order to help them feel secured," says Ms. Chiemi Takeuchi, a volunteer coordinator. If there is anybody who wants to do something for Okuma-machi, you can register anytime. The volunteer center is willing to listen to any troubles, so please feel free to call them.



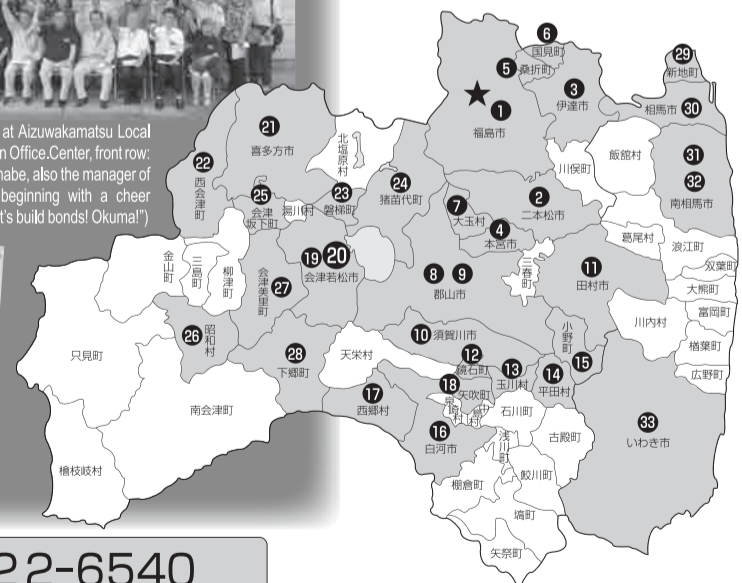
▲Opening ceremony held at Aizuwakamatsu Local Office of Okuma-machi Town Office. Center, front row: the mayor Toshitsuna Watanabe, also the manager of the volunteer center. New beginning with a cheer "Tsunagappe! Okuma!" ("Let's build bonds! Okuma!")



▲Newsletter "Nagomi"

Disaster Volunteer Centers Map

Currently found in 33 places as of June 27th



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