



My Reconstruction News

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, local residents and volunteers working in the disaster-affected regions have documented scenes of daily life with their cameras. Out of a desire to share the spirit of these photos with a wider audience and ensure that people throughout the country are united with the people in the affected regions, in September last year the Cabinet Public Relations Office launched a "My Reconstruction News" section on the website of the Prime Minister of Japan. More than 500 photographs and messages have been posted since then, and every day the Prime Minister's Office continues to receive new items of news which are used to update the site. We introduce some of these letters.



"Reconstruction News" Started from This One Photo.

July 8, 2011, Higashi Matsushima City, Miyagi Prefecture

Finally some soup was included as part of a simple school lunch.

Yay! We got some soup! It tastes good and it's hot too.

—Omagari Elementary School

New Life in Fukushima

October 15, 2011, Hirata Village, Fukushima Prefecture

A baby born in the same year as the earthquake disaster. As both parents are teachers they are continuing to live in Fukushima and did not evacuate.

With a small baby to look after there are many things to attend to each day, but with lots of love the baby is growing strong and healthy.

—R. S.





Many Things have happened

September 10, 2011, Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture

While I was devastated when my home in Yuriage, Natori City, was destroyed, in September I married the love of my life. I have found my own place in the world, which is so, so important. I want to create a bright home life full of smiles.

—K. T

Out to Sea Once More

November 12, 2011, Kamaishi City, Iwate Prefecture

At the Hakozaki Fishing Port, which remains strewn with broken levees, there was a launching ceremony for the new vessel Dai-nana Hakozaki Maru. The ceremony marked the first time the vessel had touched water, and there was a celebration for its completion. "We want all the volunteers to come down to the ceremony too!" We were invited to participate alongside the city residents. The vessel was decorated with many colorful fishing flags.

—Tono Magokoro Net



Let's have many flowers

December 20, 2011, Rikuzentakata City, Iwate Prefecture

A flower garden brings smiles to Rikuzentakata! 'Volunteer members from Keppare Tohoku' gathered from across Japan!

In an area where houses were washed away with the tsunami, a rainbow of viola flowers and participants together reach the blue sky!

—Hitoshi Imai, Iwate Kenpoku Tourism

It Has Been Almost One Year Since That Day

February 13, 2012, Miyako City, Iwate Prefecture

A seven-row doll display set up in the lounge of a temporary house.

The dolls were donated from the citizens of Morioka via the Morioka Social Welfare Council. A local mother decorated the dolls and explained which one should go in which location.

"Isn't it wonderful!" commented those who had gathered around the dolls. We hope everyone will come see the dolls every day.

—Miyako City Reconstruction Support Center

