



## Results from the Iwate Reconstruction Watchers Survey #2 for 2016

Iwate Prefecture conducts the Iwate Reconstruction Watchers Survey in order to periodically measure Iwate's reconstruction progress from the earthquake and tsunami.

The survey targets people living or working in the disaster-affected municipalities, and is conducted once every three months.

Here are some key points extracted from the results of the second survey this year (conducted in July 2016).

### Have the lives of the survivors recovered?

**"Fully recovered" or "Mostly recovered": 73.8% (last time:73.2%)**

There was praise for the ongoing relocation of people into new homes. However, there was also concern regarding support for the elderly in their new homes.

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(\*information only available in Japanese)

### How do you feel about the recovery of the local economy?

**"Fully recovered" or "Mostly recovered": 57.0% (last time:54.3%)**

Some people have noted that the local economy has gradually been improving. However, there is also concern at the amount of young people leaving the prefecture, the decreasing population, and the insufficient number of care workers.

### How do you feel about the disaster mitigation measures?

**"Satisfactory" or "Mostly satisfactory": 42.2% (last time: 38.8%)**

Some were happy at the steady progress on the sea barrier construction and coastal roads. However, others said that, as 5 years have passed since the disaster, we need to worry about the obstacles preventing the rebuilding of our communities.

## Thanking the world during the Flag Handover Ceremony

On August 22nd, 2016 (Mon), the handing over of the Olympic flag to Tokyo took place at the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympic Closing Ceremony.

During a performance that shared Tokyo/Japan with the whole world, people entered the field of the venue and lined up to form the word for "Thanks" in Japanese, English, French, and Portuguese.

This "thanks" was meant to show gratitude for 3 things - for the help received from all over the world after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, choosing Tokyo as the next host for the Olympics, and for the amazing Olympic games at Rio de Janeiro. About 10,000 children and students from 27 schools in the 3 disaster-affected prefectures (Iwate, Miyagi,

and Fukushima) and Tokyo attended the event. From Iwate, students from Otsuchi Gakuen (Otsuchi) and Takata High School (Rikuzentakata) participated.

They will appear during the Paralympics Closing Ceremony on September 19th (Mon) as well.



Young students from Otsuchi Gakuen lining up to form letters (photo: Otsuchi Town)

### Donations towards damage caused by Typhoon No. 10

■Iwate Prefecture (Donation period: September 5, 2016 - October 31, 2016)

【 Japanese Red Cross Society Iwate Prefecture Branch 】

< Iwate Bank Main Branch >

Account Number: Futsuu 0500445

Account Holder: Nihon Sekijuujiisha Iwateken Shibu Shibuchou Tasso Takuya

【 Community Chest of Iwate Prefecture 】

< Yuucho Bank >

Account Number: 00130-2-387497

(019-ten touza ginkou)\*This info is needed when using other bank's ATMs or internet banking.

Account Holder: Iwate Kyoudou Bokinkai Taifuu 10gou Ooame Saigai Gienkin

< Iwate Bank Main Branch >

Account Number: Futsuu 2241853

Account Holder: Shakai fukushi houjin Iwateken Kyoudou Bokinkai Iwateken

Contact: Iwate Prefectural Government Department of Health and Welfare Office of Health and Welfare Planning

☎ 019-629-5408 (direct) 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

We are collecting donations to help those who suffered damage from heavy rain, storms, and strong waves during Typhoon No. 10.

■Kuji (Donation period: September 5, 2016 - March 31, 2017)

① Bank Transfer

< Iwate Bank Kuji Chuo Branch >

Account Number: Futsuu 2096159

Account Holder: Kujishi Taifuu Saigai Gienkin Kujishichou Endou Jouji

\*A letter of thanks will be mailed out so contact Kuji City Hall before you make a transfer.

② Cash (Social welfare services)

Office: Kuji City Hall Social Welfare Division (Shakai fukushi-ka)

Contact: Kuji-shi Shakai fukushi-ka ☎ 0194-52-2119

■Iwaizumi

< Iwate Bank Iwaizumi Branch >

Account Number: Futsuu 2040893

< Kita Nippon Bank Iwaizumi Branch >

Account Number: Futsuu 7030542

Account Holder: Iwaizumi-cho Saigai Gienkin Iwaizumi-Chouchou Date Katsumi (\*for both banks)

Contact: Iwaizumi ☎ 0194-22-2111

### Casualties & Damage in Iwate As of August 31, 2016

▶Human casualties/deaths: 4,672; Missing: 1,123

▶Buildings destroyed (residences only, total/partial): 26,075

To make a donation to aid in Iwate's reconstruction:

[www.pref.iwate.jp/fukkounougoki/dayori/news/011100.html](http://www.pref.iwate.jp/fukkounougoki/dayori/news/011100.html)

### Thank you for all your support!

As of August 31, 2016

▶**Donations for survivors:** Around ¥18.5313 billion (93,724 donations)

▶Donations for reconstruction projects: Around ¥19.77904 billion (7,837 donations)

▶Iwate Learning Hope Fund donations: Around ¥8.51776 billion (18,168 donations)

※ This fund is to assist in the study and daily life of affected children by encouraging sport and study activities.

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