

News from Iwate's Reconstruction

The news from Iwate as it moves toward reconstruction

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Construction of Iwate's Largest Seawall Almost Complete

Rikuzentakata

The Prefectural Government has almost finished construction of the largest seawall in Iwate. The 12.5m tall, 2,000m long wall is located in Rikuzentakata, which suffered severe damage in the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

The previous seawall had two sections, a 3m wall on the ocean side, and a 5.5m wall on the inland side. However, both were destroyed by the 17m tsunami wave, which

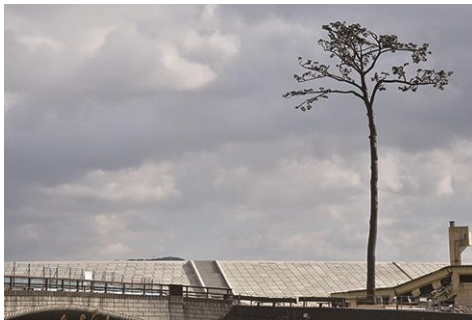
also wiped out a pine grove and sandy beach.

Construction of the new seawall, which began in March 2013, is now 90% complete. It is also made up of two sections. The first, next to the ocean, is 3m tall and 1,900m long. The second, which stands behind the first, is 12.5m tall and 2,000m long. Its dimensions are based on the typical height of tsunami that occur here every few decades.

The next step is to build more seawalls at

regular intervals, which will eventually join up with the floodgates in Kesen River. Construction is due to be completed by March 2020.

Work is also progressing on a new sandy beach in front of the first wall, and a pine grove behind it. Construction of the "Takata-Matsubara Tsunami Reconstruction Memorial Park", on the inland side, is due to be completed by March 2021.



The new seawall, next to the "Miracle Pine"



Construction of the floodgates in Kesen River



A view of the wall from above

Advance Screenings of the Iwate Reconstruction Dramas

6 locations

Iwate has created two dramas, "Japan's Smallest Bookstore" and "Winter Firefly", which tell stories from the reconstruction.

Advance screenings will be held in the prefecture before their television broadcast. Admission is free, but reservations (via the web, fax or postcard) are required.

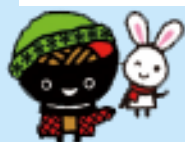
Advance screening schedule

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| ■ Ofunato
Time: March 4th (Sat) 13:30
Venue: Rias Hall | ■ Miyako
Time: March 7th (Tue) 18:30
Venue: Miyako Public Hall |
| ■ Kuji
Time: March 5th (Sun) 13:30
Venue: Amber Hall | ■ Ichinoseki
Time: March 8th (Wed) 18:30
Venue: Ichinoseki Culture Center |
| ■ Kitakami
Time: March 5th (Sun) 13:00
Venue: Sakura Hall | ■ Morioka
Time: March 10th (Fri) 18:30
Venue: Morioka Civic Cultural Hall |



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We are recruiting members for the Iwate Reconstruction Supporters Team!



We are now recruiting both individual and group (corporate or other) members in the Greater Tokyo Area for the "Iwate Reconstruction Supporters". Members are e-mailed information regarding reconstruction and tourism in Iwate, and upcoming events in the Tokyo area.

(Information only available in Japanese.)

For more information, please see the website of the Tokyo Branch Office of the Iwate Prefectural Government:

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