

Initiative 17 Rebuilding local communities who have been active in preserving cultural properties**[Outline of Approach]**

- In accordance with the progress of various projects based on the Reconstruction Plan, the excavation of ruins has also expanded, but because of the increase in staff from within and outside Iwate, according to the Japanese Agency for Cultural Affairs, speedy excavation was performed without hindering reconstruction.
- Local seminars were held in the fields of reconstruction to explain the historical value to residents.
- While cooperating with the Tohoku-Pacific Earthquake Cultural Assets Relief Committee of the Agency for Cultural Affairs, Iwate Prefectural Museum has worked on rescue activities for valuable academic materials, stabilizing the treatment of seawater-damaged materials, and other restoration work.

Approach 1: Making protection of cultural properties (archaeological research) and disaster reconstruction projects mutually compatible

While undertaking the investigation of buried cultural assets related to the reconstruction effort after the disaster, the Iwate Board of Education also conducted supporting investigations for the boards of education of other coastal cities and towns.



Excavating a site

Approach 2: Promoting awareness of historical value

Local seminars were held in reconstruction areas to explain the historical value of excavation sites to residents.



Local seminar in Otsuchi

Approach 3: Restoration work of cultural assets affected by the disaster

In order to restore items that had been immersed in seawater, sand and mud so they could be stored for a long period of time, restoration work is being carried out.



Restoration work