

## 9th Volunteer Activity Supporting Restoration and Recovery



Date	Thursday, September 15 through Friday, September 16, 2011
Activity site	Minamisanriku-cho, Motoyoshi-gun, Miyagi
Participants	22 (16 men, 4 women, 2 administration office staff)

### ● Activity Details



We went for two days to the Shizugawa Tennomae district of Minamisanriku Town to help clear away the rubble and cut the weeds.

Non-profit organizations play a central role in running the town's Disaster Volunteer Center. For this reason, the system for volunteering at this center was slightly different from the others, and we were assigned an experienced team leader from among the individual volunteers to guide us in our activities.



The entire town had sustained tremendous damage in the catastrophe, and piles of debris waiting to be cleared away were still in plain view in many areas. What we saw with our own eyes was a scene that told of the long and arduous path ahead to recovery, and little else. This utter devastation, however, was also a convincing image of the need for more volunteers.

We had no opportunity this time to speak directly with victims of the disaster. But our team leader told us about the conditions our site had faced on the day of the earthquake and tsunami, and hearing this we felt the important need for more volunteers.