

13th Volunteer Activity Supporting Restoration and Recovery



Date	Thursday, March 1 through Friday, March 2, 2012
Activity site	Minamisanriku-cho, Motoyoshi-gun, Miyagi
Participants	26 (23 men, 1 woman, 2 administration office staff)

● Activity Details



On the first day, we went to a shopping center across from the Shizugawa Public Hospital in Minamisanriku Town to work on separating and clearing out the debris.

According to the town's Disaster Volunteer Center, such work had only begun recently at the shopping center, which had been left untouched for the most part after sustaining damage in the tsunami. Upon arrival, we found that the building remained intact, but that the interior was filled with sediment, and large debris such as objects that had fallen from the ceiling. We also noticed the stench of rotting food and other merchandise. The work was quite hard, but the volunteers were determined and did their share of sorting the sediment and debris into categories and removing them from the premises.



On the second day, we went to vacant lot in the Mawaritate district, where only the foundation of a private home remained, to work on sorting and clearing out the debris.

As the work was finished ahead of schedule, it was decided on the spot that we would also begin work on the lot to the house next door. When we finished our activities, one of the leaders of the town's Disaster Volunteer Center praised us for being "conscientious and earnest volunteers," and asked that we "come back again."

Those who participated in our volunteer team agreed that the "work was pretty hard but very worthwhile."