

15th Volunteer Activities Supporting Restoration and Recovery



Date	Sunday, May 13, 2012
Activity site	Minamisanriku-cho, Motoyoshi-gun, Miyagi
Participants	24 (8 men, 13 women, 3 administration office staff)

● Activity Details



Instead of the usual volunteer activity involving physical labor, our initiative this time was to hold various events for providing emotional comfort to the children of Kesenuma City and Minami Sanriku Town. In addition to lessons in baseball, drawing, coloring and cooking, the eventful day included a cookout lunch.

The baseball lesson was organized around Makoto Matsubara and Hiroyuki Yamazaki of The Golden Players Club, an association of past and present professional baseball stars in Japan. The two led a squad of volunteers who attentively gave instructions to roughly 100 children from six local little league teams.

Yoshiko Murakami, a professional illustrator, taught an enjoyable drawing class to 28 children with the help of JX Group volunteers.

Elsewhere, JX Group employees and 34 children had fun coloring in a class filled with friendly conversation.

After classes, a cookout lunch awaited all 250 children and volunteers who took part in the event. In this volunteer activity, the participants provided the children a fun time and enjoyed being with the children.

One participant was heard to say, "I'm glad this activity was held on a holiday, and I could finally participate." Also differently, many of the volunteers this time were women. I was impressed to hear the women say, "it was good to come and spend some time with the children," and to watch them as they established a rapport.

