

## 18th Volunteer Activity Supporting Restoration and Recovery



Date	Friday, July 27 through Saturday, July 28, 2012
Activity site	Minamisanriku-cho, Motoyoshi-gun, and Ishinomaki-shi, Miyagi
Participants	19 (11 men, 4 women, 4 administration office staff)

### ● Activity Details



On the first day, we headed to the coast at the Sodehama district of the town of Minamisanriku. We then worked at clearing away the rubble and putting back in the sea the sand and sediment that was covering the footpaths.

We were responding to the wishes of the local residents who hoped that the sand on the beaches could be restored to its pre-earthquake state, when they could walk on it in bare feet. Together with other volunteers, just under 100 of us set about sorting and clearing away the rubble that had been scattered all over the sandy beaches.

After that, our next job was to use shovels and clear away the thick sediment that covered the footpaths that went along the coast. Taking away the sediment in wheelbarrows and buckets, we restored the beaches to their former state.

It was very demanding work, done under a scorching sun, but all volunteers pressed on regardless until it was finished.



On the second day, we went to the meeting place in the temporary housing complex in Ishinomaki City and staged various events for children, including yo-yo fishing, hoopla games, putting golf, daruma wooden block-striking games, and coloring lessons.

We gave out bags of sweets to the children who attended. Moreover, we also gave them the various items we had prepared for the day's activities, and the children were very happy to get them.

All in all, it was an extremely busy day for everyone about 100 children among a total of about 200 participants including adults.