

## 24th Volunteer Activity Supporting Restoration and Recovery



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| Date          | Sunday, June 9 , 2013                               |
| Activity site | Iwanuma-shi, Miyagi                                 |
| Participants  | 34 (24 men, 6 women, 4 administration office staff) |

### ● Activity Details



For our volunteer activities this time, we participated in a tree-planting on the "1,000-year hill" conducted by the Great Forest Wall Project and Iwanuma City in Miyagi Prefecture.

On the day of the activity, we headed off by bus to the tree-planting site, looking intently out of the window at Natori City and other disaster-struck areas.

An opening ceremony preceded the activities. The day was very hot under clear skies, and all the volunteers became quite fatigued as the welcoming and introductory speeches went on at length.



There were more volunteers than had been initially planned, with over 4,000 people congregating at the tree-planting site. Accordingly, the site was divided up into 77 areas for the actual volunteer work.

The work itself was broadly broken down into the three ordered steps of planting a sapling, laying down straw to prevent the soil from becoming dry and to slow down the growth of weeds, and fastening ropes to hold down the straw and prevent it getting dispersed. We JX volunteers were determined and worked in silence through these three steps. At the end, many of us said that they wanted to come back in the future and see the trees when they've grown a bit.