

Earthquake updates (JWCU)
As of 1:30 p.m. March 17, 2011
(since the last information)

<JWCU nationwide efforts>

- While the head office continues to check the safety of our members, the efforts are starting to shift to the relief work (e.g. sending supplies and human resources).
 - The head office has been receiving supplies from members nationwide. The first supplies will be leaving Tokyo on March 18th (2t truck).
 - Our members in several regions are also collecting supplies and will head to Tohoku separately, starting March 18th.
 - The head office is collecting the information from the affected areas and regional offices which are collecting the supplies. Those supplies mentioned above will be distributed to the affected areas based on the information on what is needed in which area.
- The head office is in the process of opening an account for the relief work. The board meeting is scheduled at the end of this month, and they will discuss how to distribute/use the donation.

<Safety of Members in Tohoku>

- We have found that the president of Bihoro (the last missing coop member of JWCU) and his wife are safe, although this was found indirectly through the bulletin board.
- Some individual members are still missing.
- We are starting to see some secondary effects of the disasters. At least 1 member's family (grandmother) passed away at an evacuation center.

<Property Damage in Tohoku>

- The building of Ishinomaki Jigyodan (JWCU member coop) is completely gone due to Tsunami.

<Property Damage in Other Areas>

- A nursery in Urayasu City (Chiba Prefecture): The building is too damaged to use. Our members are currently discussing with the City about the possible measures to take.

<Others>

- Some JWCU members operate public facilities (designated by municipalities), and at least 1 of them in Saitama has been approached by the City about the possibility of accepting evacuees from Tohoku region at that facility.