

Earthquake updates (JWCU)
As of 1:30 p.m. March 22, 2011
(since the last information)

<JWCU's National Relief Efforts>

- The first truck from the head office delivered the goods and supplies in Tohoku Region. Please see below for the details. As of March 19th 2pm, 8 trucks throughout the country have already left for the affected areas.
- More trucks are to be dispatched from the head office and other regions.
 - Head office: March 22nd, 25th, and about twice a week for coming weeks
 - Hokkaido: leaving this weekend
 - East Kanto (outer Tokyo metropolitan area): March 23rd
 - Niigata: Almost everyday
- The head office of Bihoro (one of our members in Onagawa City, where the tsunami hit) was not severely damaged, and its members there are already working on the recovery of the City. Their heavy equipments were not damaged, but the members cannot use them because they have no gas.
- According to the new information, our members in Ichinoseki City (Iwate Prefecture) are also severely affected. They still have no water, gas and electricity. Therefore, our relief effort will also focus on this area.
- The JWCU relief fund is to be open on March 24th to obtain necessary goods/supplies and to provide support for our members in the affected areas. However, it was just found out that this account does not accept international money transfer. Therefore, we have decided to use our regular account to receive the international donations and send them to the relief fund account. The detailed information will be available on our web site (<http://english.roukyou.gr.jp/index.html>) in a few days.

<Current Conditions>

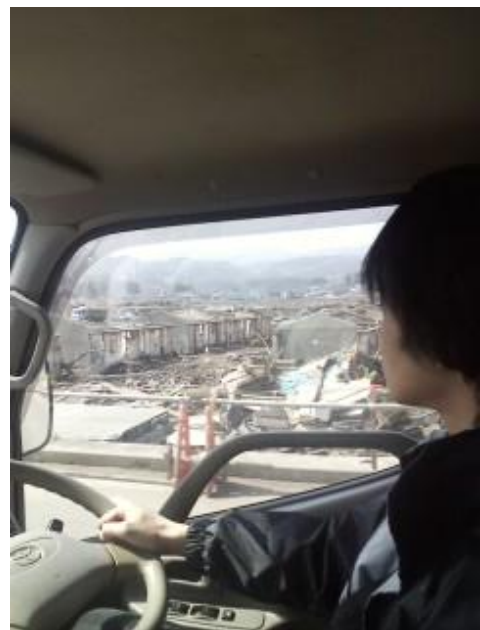
- Some of our members' families are still missing (brothers, uncles, parents, etc.).
- A youth support center in Osaki City (Miyagi Prefecture) was severely damaged. The building is closed until the safety check is completed by inspectors. It is no known when the center can reopen.
- Conditions and needs of the area are changing by the minute.
 - In some areas, electricity, gas and water systems are recovered. Other areas are also starting to receive portable stoves and water. Therefore, not only

emergency foods but also regular foods are needed.

- More people are needed for cleaning the town. The head office is recruiting volunteers and organizing teams to do this kind of work.
- Shortage of gas and heavy equipment is making the recovery work difficult and slow.

<From the Front-line>

The first delivery team truck from the head office left Tokyo on March 18, heading to Tohoku region (Noda Village, Iwate Prefecture; Ohsaki City, Miyagi Prefecture; Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture; and Onagawa City, Miyagi Prefecture). You can see the damage of the city outside of the truck.



This is what Noda Village looks like now.

Most of the houses are gone...

The delivery team members also helped the residents in taking whatever is still usable from their houses to the evacuation center.



The delivery team members found mattresses, shelves, etc in residents' houses. He is loading those on the truck to deliver them to the evacuation center.

Reunion with our members!

Our team was able to reunite with our members in Ishinomaki City. This is a day care center for the elderly, where 17 members and clients are currently living. The damage on this building was less severe because it is on a hill. They now have electricity and water, but there are urgent needs for foods and tools/people to clean houses.





Our regional offices are collecting goods and supplies. This is a regional center in Saitama (north of Tokyo).

Members from all over the country are donating supplies. You can see tissue papers, diapers, towels, etc. These supplies are sorted in each regional office and delivered to each affected area according to the needs.

