

Progress of Recovery (FY 2014-2015)

2014

- April**
 - 1 The Reconstruction Stage of the Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake Disaster Recovery Plan begins.
 - “Sendai-Miyagi Datena Trip Spring Campaign 2014: Sendai-Miyagi Spring Story” is held until June 30.
 - 23 A completion ceremony is held for the *Miyashio*, a prefectural fishery survey vessel.
 - 25 The government finalizes and announces an implementation policy for the privatization of Sendai Airport.
 - 26 A parade is held to congratulate Yuzuru Hanyu on his Olympic gold medal win. He is also presented with a prefectural honor award.
 - 30 All closure orders for prefecture-managed roads due to the Great East Japan Earthquake are cancelled.
- May**
 - 29 “Sendai-Miyagi Musubi Tabi,” a movie about Miyagi’s mascot Musubimaru, is awarded the “Visual Tourism Award” (Commissioner’s Award from the Japan Tourism Agency) at Asia’s largest international short film festival.
 - 31 Completion ceremony held for Naganuma Dam. (Tome City)
- June**
 - 8 Ceremony held to commemorate the opening of all zones in the Michinoku Lakewood National Government Park. (Kawasaki Town)
- July**
 - 18 The Tohoku Synchrotron Radiation Facility Promotion Council is established.
 - 22–24 Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress visit Kesennuma City, Tome City, Kurihara City, and Minamisanriku Town.
- August**
 - 1 The Magoishi Hydro Power Plant, the prefecture’s first small hydroelectric project utilizing water supply facilities, begins operation. (Sendai City)
 - 9 3M Sendai Port Park reopens. (Sendai City)
 - 17 Vegalta Sendai holds a soccer game to commemorate its 20th anniversary. (Sendai City)
- September**
 - 2 Tohoku Pharmaceutical University (currently Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University) is the selected institution to establish a new department of medicine in the Tohoku region.
 - 8 Wataru Takeshita, Minister for Reconstruction, visits a disaster-affected area. (Ishinomaki City)
 - 18 Murata Town is selected as the prefecture’s first Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings.
- October**
 - 12 Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visits the disaster-affected areas of Watari Town, Yamamoto Town, and Sendai City.
- November**
 - 10 A completion ceremony is held for the Port of Sendai Inland Area Readjustment Project. (Sendai City)
 - 15 A groundbreaking ceremony is held for the Oshima Bridge Construction Project. (Kesennuma City)
 - 16 The Miyagi Master Examination resumes after being suspended following the disaster.
- December**
 - 6 Yamamoto Town holds an opening ceremony for the Joban Expressway. (Yamamoto Interchange to Soma Interchange)
 - 19 Urban Center Revitalization Plan certification (Certificate No. 1) is issued by the Reconstruction Agency. (Onagawa Town)

- March**
 - 14 The UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and related events are held in Sendai City.
 - 16 “The Great East Japan Earthquake: Disaster Response in Miyagi Prefecture in the First Year Following the Earthquake and Tsunami” is released.
 - 21 The entire JR Ishinomaki Line reopens. “Onagawa Recovery Town Opening Spring 2015” is held in Onagawa Town.
 - 30 The Sendai Matsushima Road “Matsushima Kita Interchange–Naruse Okumatsushima Interchange” begins operating as a four-lane highway.
- May**
 - 15 The Port of Ishinomaki welcomes the arrival of the Nippon Maru, a large passenger liner. (Ishinomaki City)
 - 30 JR resumes service along the entire Senseki Line and opens the Senseki Tohoku Line. (Ishinomaki City, Higashimatsushima City, Matsushima Town)
- June**
 - 14 “Again Station,” a facility where visitors can get a hands-on experience of Onagawa’s fishery industry, opens. (Onagawa Town)
 - 15 “The Great East Japan Earthquake Archive Miyagi,” a digital collection of materials related to the disaster, is published.
 - 17 Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress visit Zao Town and Shiroishi City.
 - 29 The Tourism Kingdom Miyagi Travel Coupon goes on sale.
- July**
 - 19 The Tamauranishi Community Opening is held. (Iwanuma City)
- August**
 - 31 Establishment of the new medical department at Tohoku Medical and Pharmaceutical University receives approval.
- September**
 - 1 Ishinomaki Fish Market resumes full-scale operation. (Ishinomaki City)
- October**
 - 1 The 1st Minato Shiogama Yumehaku Event is held. (Shiogama City)
 - 4 The Ishinomaki Onagawa Interchange and the Ishinomaki Onagawa Interline Prefectural Route open. (Ishinomaki City)
 - Mitazonokita Community Opening is held. (Natori City)
 - A new building for Togura Elementary School is completed. (Minamisanriku Town)
 - 16 Minamisanriku BIO, a biogas facility, is completed. (Minamisanriku Town)
- November**
 - 3 Community opening ceremony is held for recovery land readjustment projects in affected urban areas. (Ishinomaki City)
 - 8 The Oshika Branch Office of the Onagawa Fire Department opens. (Onagawa Town)
 - 15 The Hanabuchiyama Bypass of National Highway No. 108 opens. (Osaki City)
- December**
 - 6 The new Tozai Line of Sendai Subway opens. (Sendai City)
 - 10 An opening ceremony is held for the Otani Vegetable Collecting and Shipping Facility. (Kesennuma City)
 - 14 The Minamisanriku Hospital and the Health and Social Welfare Center Minamisanriku open. (Minamisanriku Town)
 - 23 The Onagawa Station Shopping Area opens. “Onagawa Recovery Town Opening Winter 2015” is held. (Onagawa Town)

2015

- January**
 - 8 The report from the experts’ meeting on the Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake Disaster Conservancy is submitted.
- February**
 - 9 The cumulative number of passengers who used the Sendai Airport Access Railway exceeds 20 million.
- March**
 - 1 The Joban Expressway is fully opened.
 - 11 A commemorative service is held on Miyagi Memorial Day in various locations throughout the prefecture (marking four years since the Great East Japan Earthquake).
 - 13 Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress visit Ishinomaki City, Natori City, Iwanuma City, and Higashimatsushima City and attend the opening ceremony of the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

2016

- February**
 - 1 The partial privatization of Sendai Airport begins.
- March**
 - 11 Miyagi Memorial Day services are held in various locations throughout the prefecture (marking five years since the Great East Japan Earthquake).
 - 16 Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress visit Sendai City, Ishinomaki City, and Onagawa Town.
 - 26 Ishinomaki Ayumino Station on the Senseki Line opens. (Ishinomaki City)
 - 27 The four-lane Senen Route and Tagajo Interchange open on the Sanriku Expressway.
 - The first renewable hydrogen fueling station in the Tohoku region opens, and fuel cell vehicles are introduced. (Sendai City)

Support received to date

(as of the end of March 2016)

- Donations 12,956 donations / 34.3 billion yen
- Relief funds 201,139 contributions / 29.6 billion yen
- Donations to the Great East Japan Earthquake Miyagi’s Children Fund 13,815 donations / 9.4 billion yen
- Number of volunteers (March 12, 2011 – March 31, 2016) 742,736
- Number of support staff dispatched from local governments around the country (as of March 1, 2016) To Miyagi Prefectural Government: 257 / To local municipalities: 969

Miyagi’s recovery to date

- “Kokoro Press,” a blog sharing news about recovery progress (with near-daily updates)
- “Miyagi Recovery Press,” a news and information site (start of each month)
- “The Course of Miyagi’s Recovery,” a news and information site (yearly)
- “From Miyagi, with Many Thanks”: Earthquake Recovery Posters



To express our heartfelt gratitude for the recovery support provided from all over Japan, we prepared posters including thank-you messages from disaster-affected areas and distributed them throughout the country.



We strive to provide accurate reports on the current situation of affected areas as the recovery efforts continue. We welcome and are grateful for your understanding and cooperation as we do our utmost for the recovery effort.

Portal Site with Information on Miyagi’s Recovery



This web portal provides links to the latest information on the prefecture’s recovery, the progress to date, blog posts covered the affected areas, and more.



URL <http://www.fukkomiyaagi.jp>



Get the latest information from those most closely involved with Great East Japan Earthquake recovery efforts.

For details

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This magazine provides full up-to-date coverage of the status of affected areas through the eyes of those involved with Miyagi Prefecture and those working on the recovery.

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