



The Tasukeai Center “JUNTOS News!”

JUNTOS means
“Together with”
in Portuguese”

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for 1 month**



**Let's all help each other. “JUNTOS” is the
center for reconstruction for the Joso area.**



JUNTOS provides rooms , serves as a regional exchange center, works on a daily basis for consultation about troubles you might have, and also rents tools for cleaning up so that you can restore your lives and the Joso area may be reconstructed. ~ There is nothing different between nationalities. JUNTOS stands by you.~

Special Topics

About The Center for Helping Each Other “JUNTOS!” Up to now and our future plans

We are all affected by the disaster

Who would have thought that our city would be struck by such a huge natural disaster? Supply of the power, water, and gas were stopped. Our cars and workplaces were damaged. Even after the power came back, electric appliances washed damaged by the flood water were not available able to be used any longer. Many people have no choice but to live in houses that they just cleaned of mud. In the wake of the disaster, we were at a loss what to do to get over overcome this situation...



We lost a lot. But there was a hope

Our office was completely sunk under waterflooded. We used to have education programs for children there. Everything stopped working. and Wwe have lost lots of precious things. But volunteers came here from all over Japan to help us. We can't thank enough to these people enough. People who stayed in shelters helped each other, sharing foods, emergency aid supplies and information. Scenes of such mutual support have been seen many times. We lost a lot. But we have a the hope to build a new community full of compassion in the wake of this disaster.

Our role in the community – encouraging encouraging mutual support

Restoration of Joso City has just begun. In fact we have a lot of things to do. First we must restore the basics of our daily life, and then we will go on to rebuild the environment around us. We need support not only from the local government, but also from friends from all over Japan. This This supports would will encourage us to help each other and get overto overcome the difficulties. We hope that someday this disaster will be recalled as the turning point of Joso City. Let's work together and make our city better than ever.

Tasukeai Center **JUNTOS !**

■ Support for foreigners

JUNTOS has been helping foreigners who live in Joso city with by publishing “JUNTOS News” and providing information on “Radio JUNTOS” at 89.2 MHz.



■ Publishing “JUNTOS News”

Right after the disaster, we published “JUNTOS News” almost every day. Now it is twice a week. You can get the paper at convenience stores or supermarkets in the Mitsukaido district and at shelters in Joso City.



■ Joso City Flood Disaster Response NPO Conference

Every evening, 60 support groups which work for the flood struck area in Joso City, gather and hold a meeting at the JUNTOS office. In the meetings, they exchange information about the activities to promote cooperation among the groups.



Two white boards equipped for the conference are always filled with information collected during the meetings.

■ Opinions to Joso City

We have been attending the Joso City Flood Disaster Response Task Force. On Oct 10th, we submitted a report on problems which appeared through the support of evacuation centers and the assistance to the affected people, based on the opinions of the Joso City Flood Disaster Response NPO Conference. From now on, we will submit a report to Joso City if necessary.



■ Lending equipment and materials, coordinating volunteers

We are loaning out useful equipment and materials such as light trucks, hand trucks, high-pressure-washers, wheelbarrows, high power cleaners, from the 1st floor of the JUNTOS office.

We are coordinating volunteers.

There might be change in the inventory of materials for loan.

When you want to borrow something, please contact us in advance.



Here are the activities of JUNTOS, since it was established on September 17th. Coming activities and future plans are also summarized below.

■ Transportation support

Many people lost their cars in the flood. We offer transportation support for those who want to go out (for shopping, to schools, hospitals, and so on), but have difficulties finding transportation.

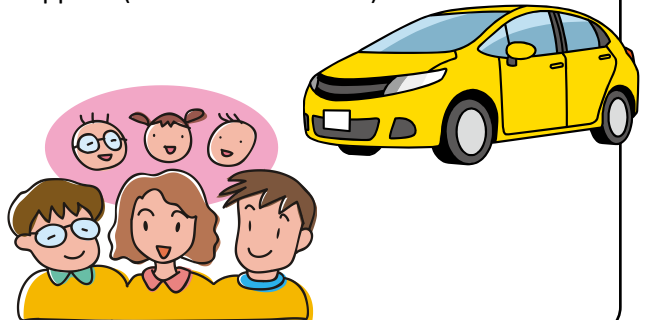
If you want use this service, please make a reservation in advance. The fee is 100 yen per use. (TEL: 090-5804-5542, JUNTOS Transportation Support)



■ Car sharing

Car sharing is to share and use one car by a group of people. It is common not only in an urban area where the running cost of a car is rather high, but also in areas such as Ishinomaki, which was hit by the Great East Japan Earthquake and where many people lost their own cars.

JUNTOS is preparing the system of car-sharing in Joso City. If you are interested in this project, please contact us, JUNTOS Transportation Support. (TEL: 090-5804-5542)



■ Survey of needs

In the wake of the disaster, many people have no choice but to live in their damaged houses under very difficult conditions. We found some elderly people who needed help for preparing meals but who lived alone. We also found disabled people who have difficulties in going up the stairs but live on the second floor of their house due to the damage downstairs. Such difficult situations are found in many houses.

To correctly understand the present situation of disaster affected people living in their homes, JUNTOS has been conducting a survey. The results will be summarized and submitted to the local government. Based on the survey, we will make an appeal to the local government for additional support for the disaster affected people at home. We will also try to make it sure that equal support will be provided to all the people in shelters and at home.



■ Creating events for the locals

The situation of our lives will be changing as restoration from the disaster continues. We are planning to hold events like food distribution and “Salons” to encourage communication and mutual support between people in the disaster struck area.

Let's build a new Joso City by ourselves.





Looking back on the past month

Looking back on the past month since “the Kanto-Tohoku Torrential Rain Disaster in September 2015”

September 10th : the flood hit Joso City

September 16th : preparing “JUNTOS” was started.

September 17th : “JUNTOS” was opened. We started with lending high pressure cleaners. The first issue of “JUNTOS News” was published. The first meeting of the Joso City Flood Disaster Response NPO Conference was held at the JUNTOS office.

September 18th : “JUNTOS News” in Portuguese was published.

September 19th : we cooperated in the consultation for foreigners.

September 20th : the first food distribution was provided in front of Kita-Mistukaido Station

September 21st : multi-lingual versions of “JUNTOS News” were prepared in Spanish, English and Chinese, and then published.

September 22nd : Radio radio JUNTOS started broadcasting at 89.2 MHz. 81 volunteers contributed, which was the largest number since the station started.

September 19th – Wednesday, 23rd (Silver Week): A lot of college students and high school students came to help with volunteer work.

September 30th: we participated in the meeting of the Joso City Flood Disaster Response Task Force.

October 4th: cleaning up of the area in front of the Kita-Mistukaido Station was conducted (this activity has been continuing since then). A seminar on various disaster aid systems was held with invited lecturers from the Japan Society for Disaster Recovery and Revitalization.

October 5th : JUNTOS Transportation Support started

October 10th : we made a flowerbed in front of Kita-Mitsukaido Station with local people. We submitted a report on problems to Joso City.

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