



The Center for Helping Each Other

“JUNTOS News!”

JUNTOS means
“Together with” in
Portuguese”

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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: Feature stories from JUNTOS

One month after the flood disaster – Joso-shi (city) Flood Disaster Response NPO Conference submitted a request.

Exchange of opinions with Mayor of Joso, Mr. Takasugi



On October 10, one month after the flood disaster, we compiled a paper on problems which appeared through the support of evacuation centers and the assistance to the affected people, and submitted it to Joso-shi (city). On the next day, Mayor Takasugi visited our JUNTOS office and we exchanged opinions.

We appealed for the necessity of assistance to the affected people in their homes as well as those in evacuation centers, and requested him to take measures.

We made a flowerbed in front of Kita-Mitsukaido station

On October 10, Joso Line restarted full operation, which many people had been waited for. Therefore, we made a flowerbed in the square in front of Kita-Mitsukaido station. Many people took part in that. The station square became brighter than before.



We enjoyed barbecued meat!

In front of Kita-Mitsukaido station, we had a barbecue offered by a meat processor. Even though the meat processor arrived late due to the road closure on a highway, which was the unexpected, we enjoyed high-grade meat ‘Sano-premium’

Topics: Check out the latest information useful for your daily living!

Information on livelihood support

•Exemption of water rates and sewerage charge

For the inhabitants on the east side of Kinu-river, water rates and sewerage charge will be exempted for 3 months from September to November.

•Emergency housing repair system

This is the system in which the city pays for your repair cost to repairers up to 567,000 yen if you apply for it before repairing your house for inundation above floor level (you cannot get paid in cash). People who own their houses are qualified for this system.

•Public housing are provided for free

People whose houses were completely destroyed or are not inhabitable even after emergency repair can live in public housing prepared by the prefecture for free for half a year if you would like to. Some housing will allow you to stay for free for up to 2 years. However, most houses are not located in Joso-shi but in cities such as Tsukuba-shi, Toride-shi, or Simotsuma-shi. You need to consider commuting to work and your children commuting to school before you apply. Disaster Afflicted-Housing Certificate (Risai Shomei-sho) is necessary for application. You can apply to House Division at Ibaraki-ken (prefecture).

•Natural Disaster Victims Relief System

This is the system in which financial support is provided to victims whose houses are damaged at a level of “severely destroyed” (大規模半壊 Daikibo-Hankai) or higher. You can receive 1,000,000 yen as basic support in case your house is completely destroyed (全壊 Zenkai), or you needed to tore down your house because it was partially destroyed or severely destroyed (Hankai or Daikibo-Hankai) , and 500,000 yen as basic support in case your house is severely destroyed (Daikibo-Hankai) .

Moreover, you can receive 2,000,000 yen as additional support in case you buy or build a new house, 1,000,000 yen as additional support in case you repair your house, 500,000 yen as additional support in case you rent an apartment.

The amount will become three-quarters of the above if you live alone. You can apply to Social Welfare Division at the city office.

•Disaster Afflicted-Housing Certificate (Risai Shomei)

Certificate will be sent to those who applied for Disaster Afflicted-Housing Certificate (Risai Shomei), so please be sure to confirm the level of damage. This is a ‘primary decision’ and investigators judged from the appearance of your house. In case of flood disaster, inundation 1 meter above the floor level is one of the indications to determine the damage level, but they don’t judge just because of that. If you have a doubt or complaint, you can apply for a ‘secondary decision’. Then investigators will check inside your house and the condition of household goods. The damage level may change at the ‘secondary decision’.

As described above, Disaster Afflicted-Housing Certificate (Risai Shomei) from the judgement of the level of damage is so important that it affects various supports. Be sure to apply for Disaster Afflicted-Housing Certificate (Risai Shomei) if you have not applied yet.

Activities reports ~Photos and Comments from people engaging in JUNTOS activities~

‘Radio Juntos’ is now on the air!

‘Radio Juntos’ is now on the air at 89.2MHz. ‘Radio Juntos’ is provided by The Center for Helping Each Other ‘JUNTOS’.

Information from JUNTOS

You can borrow some equipment and materials!

Please share this information with people around you if you find some houses which have not been cleaned up yet.

[Equipment available for rent as of October 14, 2015]

Pickup trucks, hand trucks, high-pressure washers, wheelbarrows, large vacuum cleaners and so on.

We are coordinating volunteers. Please contact us.

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