



The Center for Helping Each Other “JUNTOS News!”

UNTOS means
“Together with” in
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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. The original was ‘ JUNTOS not only provides rooms .. but ...’. This is very difficult to think about for non-native speakers, so I changed it into simpler grammar.

There is nothing different between nationalities. JUNTOS stands by you.



Special issue ~JUNTOS offers information it has collected and edited.~

Reports on the meeting held to confirm the plans or hopes related to housing problems of victims stricken by Typhoon No.18 (Etou), etc. Date: 9:30 to 17:00, Saturday, September 26th, 2015

Place: Ibaraki Prefectural Mitsukaido Daiichi High School.

Staff of “JUNTOS” were present at the meeting held by the Ibaraki Prefectural Government. We have made sure that victims have their anxieties and troubles heard.

We have found that both Japanese victims as well as foreign victims have anxieties and troubles. Such troubles are as follows:

<p>The first category of anxieties and troubles</p> <p>Housing problems</p>	<p>Problems related to jobs and commuting to schools caused by relocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no apartment houses for rent immediately near their present workplaces or near schools their children attend. • Many victims’ cars were also damaged by the disaster, so they cannot commute by car. This means they cannot move to the area they want to, because they cannot commute. • Victims do not want to change the schools of their children and they feel uneasy about long-distance commuting.
<p>The second category of anxieties and troubles</p> <p>Cars</p>	<p>Procedures for car deregistration and car insurance compensation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims don’t have cars, so if they move further away they cannot commute. Is it possible that cars damaged by the disaster are eligible for some compensation, even though they didn’t have car insurance? • No knowledge of the administrative procedures for car deregistration
<p>The third category of anxieties and problems</p> <p>Living costs</p>	<p>Matters related to living costs (money)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of money kept at homes following the flood • Harvested agricultural products were swept away by the flood or could not be sold. Anxieties over how to earn money after getting out of evacuation centers



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Key word is “Share”, to be considered from now on.

We (staff of “JUNTOS”) and high school students working as volunteers, who were present at the meeting, worked out possible advice which might help you to alleviate anxieties and distress.

【Anxieties and troubles】	【Possible measures ?】
Housing	<p>「Room sharing?」 For example, speeding up room sharing by the young and the elderly to prevent older people from becoming isolated. Effective use of rental apartment houses in the private sector. The municipality temporarily rents apartment houses in the private sector and provides them to people in need.</p>
Cars	<p>「Is it possible that traffic problems might be solved temporarily by the adoption of car sharing?」 Preparing cars for exclusive use by people living in evacuation centers or regional communities (There is an example in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture.)</p>
Living costs	<p>「Effective application to the public assistance system」 Use of the social security system as well as loan systems before donations may be distributed</p>
Information, others:	<p>※In particular for foreigners affected 「How about setting up a “Call Center”?」 Setting up a “Telephone Consultation Desk” which enables simultaneous conversation between a foreigner, a specialist, and an interpreter.</p>

Topics ~ We offer the latest life information.~

Information on distribution of foods No.1
 Date: 12:00 to 14:00, Sunday, September 27th, 2015
 Place: Nakashinden Community Center (Ohno district)
 Foods: Rice seasoned with soy sauce and boiled with meat or seafood and other vegetables, pork miso soup (Distribution may finish early if the food is all gone.)
 Amount: 150 sets
 Host organization: Kiryu Disaster Network

Information on distribution of foods No.2
 Date: 17:00 to 19:00, Sunday, September 27th, 2015
 Place: Volunteer Support Center (Hashimoto Cho/ former Furuya Furniture Center)
 Foods: Rice seasoned with soy sauce and boiled with meat or seafood and other vegetables, pork miso soup (Distribution may finish early if the food is all gone.)
 Amount: 250 sets
 Host organization: Kiryu Disaster Network

Information ~ Notice from JUNTOS!~

A variety of tools are available for rent. Please try introducing this system to households which have not been able to clean up yet



【Tools available for rent as of September 23rd, 2015】

Light trucks, hand trucks, high-pressure washers, wheelbarrows and so on
 We are coordinating volunteers. Please contact us.

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

Staff of JUNTOS and 7 volunteer workers were in charge of 5 volunteer projects on Sunday, September 25th, 2015. Many thanks to the people who participated. Volunteer workers are scarce at the moment. We are waiting for your help and participation in volunteer work.

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