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[The Nippon Foundation News] Typhoon Hagibis Recovery Continues

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. One month has passed since Typhoon Hagibis made landfall, causing widespread flooding and other damage across a large section of central and northeastern Japan. As noted on our October 25 special edition, The Nippon Foundation is supporting NGOs and volunteer groups assisting with the recovery, and is collecting donations from the public for this effort.

When we recently visited the town of Marumori in Miyagi Prefecture, the water had subsided from the roads leading to the town, but the athletic field next to the town hall was covered with furniture, appliances, and other items that had become unusable from the flooding and needed to be discarded. Town officials were particularly anxious to repair damage to schools so that children's lives could return to normal. In Kanuma City, Tochigi Prefecture, we found that much work needs to be done and volunteers and volunteer coordinators are still needed, especially on weekdays. This is the case in other areas as well.



Debris piled on the athletic field next to the Marumori town hall (left); Volunteers at work in Kanuma City (right)

Donations for Typhoon Hagibis recovery activities can be made via the following website:

[Call for Donations for Emergency Relief in Areas Damaged by Typhoon Hagibis](#)

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“Ryan ToysReview” Donates \$100,000 for Typhoon Hagibis Response

Children’s YouTube channels have more than 31 million subscribers



The Nippon Foundation has received a \$100,000 (roughly 10.8 million yen) donation from Ryan Kaji and his family, who operate the popular YouTube channel “Ryan ToysReview,” to support the Foundation’s relief and recovery activities in response to Typhoon Hagibis, which struck Japan on October 12-13. The donation will be used primarily to support children in areas that incurred damage.

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Volunteer Training for Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics Begins

Field cast volunteers to assist athletes, staff, and spectators at Games venues



Training for the “field cast” volunteers who will assist with the operation of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games began on October 4 at the National Olympics Memorial Youth Center in Yoyogi, Tokyo. A total of roughly 550 persons attended one of the two three-hour sessions, held in the morning and afternoon, and learned about the rules and mental preparation expected of volunteers, along with Olympic and Paralympic history. The training will be held at 13 locations in 11 prefectures through the end of March 2020.

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Demonstrating Diversity and Solidarity - GEBCO-Nippon Foundation Alumni Team Report from winners of Shell Ocean Discovery XPRIZE



Members of the GEBCO-Nippon Foundation Alumni Team, led by alumni of The Nippon Foundation / GEBCO Ocean Bathymetry training program at the Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping of University of New Hampshire, visited Japan recently to report on their winning of the Shell Ocean Discovery XPRIZE, an international competition in underwater mapping technologies. On September 18 team representatives briefed Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at his official residence, and held a briefing for field professionals in Japan at Toranomon Hills in Tokyo.

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