

PEACE BOAT

PEACE BOAT DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER CENTER



ANNUAL REPORT

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2013-2014

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

On 9 October 2013, Peace Boat's passenger ship called in at the northeastern port town of Ishinomaki for the first time in the NGO's 30-year history. The docking of the ship there was deeply symbolic; it represented a bridge between Peace Boat's long-standing global voyages and the organization's disaster relief activities in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake. As we enter the fourth year since the disaster, we face new challenges and complexities in the affected Tohoku region. As we strive to prevent the memories of the disaster from fading from our collective memories, it has become increasingly clear that there are no simple solutions to resolve the many difficult issues that remain. Nevertheless, it is paramount that we continue to work with local communities in order to move towards a brighter future.

In this past year, Japan has experienced a range of disasters, from typhoons and severe flooding in summer to heavy snow in winter. PBV believes that a trained, prepared and organized force of volunteers can always make a positive impact in disaster situations. However, given the sheer number and scale of the disasters that occurred during this past year, we initially held concerns about whether we could dispatch adequate numbers of volunteers across the country. That was when graduates of our disaster relief volunteer training program, as well as our friends in Ishinomaki, came to our assistance. We had found new partners in disaster relief; the thousands of people who had taken part in our training programs and who were willing to lend a hand in the field.

It is often said that travel and new encounters can greatly change one's perspective. Through our international activities, PBV has learnt much from other NGOs working in disaster risk reduction from around the world. On the other hand, it has also become very clear that Japan, widely regarded as a global leader in disaster management, must also share its knowledge and extensive experience with the international community.

In the upcoming 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015, we hope to share what we have learnt through our experiences and discuss ways to build more resilient communities around the world.

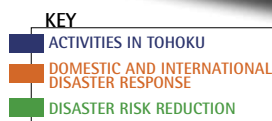
During this past year, we have forged new relationships with many inspirational individuals and groups working in this field, as well as strengthening the ties we have with our existing partners and friends. As we continue to respond to disasters in Japan and abroad, it is comforting to know that we are part of a larger, global movement to bolster disaster resilience at the grass-roots level.

We sincerely thank you for all of your contributions and look forward to continuing our partnerships in the future.

Takashi Yamamoto
President
Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center (PBV)



PEOPLE SUPPORTING PEOPLE



2013/ 2014 Calendar of Activities

Projects Continued From the Previous Fiscal Year

- Peace Boat Center Ishinomaki : Community Space
- Imacoco Project: Fishery Support Project
- Kizuna Newsletter: Psychosocial Support for Temporary Housing Residents
- Fukushima Awareness Raising Campaign: Fukushima Voices to the World
- Hurricane Sandy Relief: New York
- Corporate Volunteer Network: Secretariat
- Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Program

APR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Completion of Spring 2013 Fukushima Youth Ambassadors Project: "Learning about Sustainability in Australia" – Start of Applications for Ishinomaki Youth Ambassadors Project – Completion of Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Activities, New York
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Workshop for Civil Society Organizations for the Post-Hyogo Framework for Action – Participation in Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Geneva – Fukushima Guests invited to "Peace Boat Onboard Conference for a Nuclear Free World" (France ~ Sweden) – Start of Oklahoma Tornado Disaster Relief Activities, Oklahoma
JUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Recommencement of Kizuna Newsletter Project: Larger-scale operations, covering 7000 households in Ishinomaki – Completion of Oklahoma Tornado Disaster Relief Activities, Oklahoma
JUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Departure of Ishinomaki Youth Ambassadors onboard Peace Boat's Global Voyage – Fukushima University students participate in Fukushima Awareness Raising Campaign (Europe ~ Caribbean) – Start of Ishinomaki Weekend Exchange Program – Shizuoka Flood Relief Activities
AUG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Start of Yamaguchi Flood Relief Activities – Start of Iwate Flood Relief Activities
SEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – End of Yamaguchi and Iwate Flood Relief Activities – Shiga Flood Relief Activities (Typhoon 18) – Start of "Revitalization of Industries in Ishinomaki and Onagawa" Project
OCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – End of Ishinomaki Youth Ambassadors Project – Peace Boat passenger ship calls in at Ishinomaki Port – Start of Izu Oshima Relief Activities (Typhoon 26)
NOV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Start of Typhoon Haiyan Relief Activities, Philippines – Second Disaster Prevention Training Camp
DEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Debriefing: Disaster Relief Activities 2013, Tokyo
JAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establishment of Japan CSO Network for 2015 WCDRR (JCC2015) – End of Izu Oshima Relief Activities (Typhoon 26)
FEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Participation in "Coordination Workshop for Disaster Volunteer Activities in Kochi" – Shizuoka and Yamanashi Heavy Snow Relief Activities
MAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – "Let's Go to Ishinomaki" Project – Participation in "Training Exercise for Disaster Relief Volunteers in Shizuoka Prefecture" – Participation in "3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake: Gathering of the Residents, Peace on Earth" – Publication of "Disaster Management Guidelines" through Corporate Volunteer Network – Joint Meeting with New York nonprofit "World Cares Center" & Field Visit to Tohoku – Spring 2014 Fukushima Youth Ambassadors Project: International Exchange Tour in Asia

GREAT EAST
JAPAN
EARTHQUAKE:
ACTIVITIES IN
TOHOKU

DOMESTIC AND
INTERNATIONAL
DISASTER RELIEF

DISASTER
RISK
REDUCTION

Peace Boat has carried out disaster relief operations on 5 continents since 1995. In the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center (PBV) was established as a devoted, specialist organization to assist disaster-affected communities worldwide.



ISHINOMAKI & ONAGAWA

The Great East Japan Earthquake & Tsunami: Activities in Tohoku



Recovery Support: 3 Years on from the Disaster

- Peace Boat's Passenger Ship calls in at Ishinomaki Port for the first time! -

In many disaster-affected areas, communities are continuing along the road to recovery. However, many people struggle to cope with the severe realities of life in post-tsunami Tohoku and moved to other parts of the country in search of a fresh start; Ishinomaki and Onagawa both subsequently faced a drop in their populations. As fewer volunteers and outsiders visit the Tohoku area, the disaster and its after-effects continue to fade from our collective memory.

In October 2013, Peace Boat's passenger ship called in at the port of Ishinomaki for the first time, bringing 800 people from Japan and all over the world to the seaside town. A total of 3000 local residents welcomed the visitors with open arms, and the programs that followed succeeded in bringing people from all walks of life together.

The event was supported by Ishinomaki Port Passenger Vessel Welcoming Committee (Ishinomaki City, Higashi-Matsushima City, Onagawa Town, Matsushima Town), Keicho Diplomatic Mission Ship Association and many people from the local area.

Ishinomaki Youth Ambassadors

Shuhei Sakimura (from Onagawa) and Sayaka Takahashi (from Ishinomaki) traveled onboard Peace Boat's 80th Global Voyage, visiting 20 ports in 18 countries.

As "Ishinomaki Youth Ambassadors", they spoke to audiences around the world (including in Vietnam, Italy and Jamaica) about the Great East Japan Earthquake and also brought home many lessons learnt and encounters that they can use to boost the recovery of their own communities.



Programs during the Visit to Ishinomaki

- A. Walking Tour of Ishinomaki and Survivors' Testimonies
- B. Mini-Volunteer Experience and Survivors' Testimonies
- C. See the Recovery of Ishinomaki's Manga Museum and Survivors' Testimonies
- D. Visit Onagawa - A Town on the Road to Recovery
- E. Fishing Experience at Ishinomaki's Fishing Village Rebuilding Local Communities
- F. Visit Places Related to Tsunenaga Hasekura and Disaster-affected Areas
- G. Half-day Volunteer Experience for Families
- H. Visit Disaster-affected Areas of Ishinomaki
- I. Imacoco Project - Volunteers and Fishermen Reunion BBQ
- J. Full-Day Matsushima Sightseeing



LET'S GO TO ISHINOMAKI!

The best way to learn about the current state of the Tohoku region is through visiting the area. There have been over 300,000 volunteers who have visited Ishinomaki, but as time goes on, fewer and fewer programs require volunteers. In March 2014, PBV organized various programs and exhibitions, which attracted over 200 people from outside of Ishinomaki. PBV has also implemented weekend study tours for people to learn about the disaster and its impacts on local communities, as well as on-site programs to learn about disaster risk reduction.





KIZUNA NEWSLETTER



Providing Psychosocial Support for Temporary Housing Residents

The Kizuna Newsletter, which is published on a fortnightly basis, has now surpassed its 70th edition in print. The newsletter delivers timely, relevant information customized to residents of temporary housing areas, including shop openings, events and information about local healthcare services. Volunteers help with the writing of articles and with the distribution of the newsletter, going from door to door and interacting with thousands of local residents. As the focus on the temporary housing areas gradually fades away, this kind of psychosocial support is more vital than ever to ensure the well-being of local residents.

- **Issues Published:** 51~70th edition (every edition approximately **7000 copies**, From the 1st edition 280,000 copies distributed in total.)
- **Distribution areas:** **7000 households** in **133 temporary housing** sites in Ishinomaki City
- **Active Period:** October 2011~ present



IMACOCO PROJECT (Fishery Support Project)

One of the main obstacles that fishermen face is the lack of labor in the area, with much of the available work force either relocating to urban areas or finding employment in the booming construction industry. To combat this shortage of human resources, PBV's Imacoco project aims to leverage the power of volunteer workers to help inject much-needed assistance into the fisheries. Under the guidance of local fishermen, volunteers help with essential tasks such as harvesting seaweed and oysters, and in return are provided with food and accommodation throughout their stays. This mutually beneficial system provides merits to both parties, where volunteers gain the experience of living and working in a rural fishing village, and the fishermen receive assistance with their work. This system also connects those from outside of the afflicted areas to those within, helping to fortify relationships and keep the memories of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami fresh in our memories.



- **Participants:** **432** (Total Volunteer Work Days: 3247)
- **Participating Fishermen:** 11 Districts, 35 Fishing Families
- **Active Period:** November 2012 ~ Present



PROGRAMS

- "Manufacturing and Quality Assurance for Consumers and Retailers" Seminar
- "Leveraging Local Resources for Businesses" Seminar
- Study Tours of Onagawa Town
- E-Commerce Workshops



REVITALIZING LOCAL INDUSTRIES

PBV is working with a number of groups from private, civil and government sectors to help revitalize local industries in Ishinomaki and Onagawa. There are many challenges involved such as distribution, product development and training personnel. PBV organizes seminars focusing on issues such as quality management and e-commerce, to empower local businesses to get back on their feet.

RAISING AWARENESS, LEARNING & BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Fukushima Youth Ambassadors: Spring 2014



International Exchange Program in Asia

Program Details

Schedule: 21 March 2014 – 31 March 2014

Participants: 12 junior high school students from Minami-soma City

Main program overview:

Singapore – Exchange with local communities, Art workshops

Sri Lanka – Visit JICA and NGO work sites

Onboard Peace Boat – English-language lessons, Workshops, Sports festivals

* This project was carried out in collaboration with "Minami-soma Kodomo-no-Tsubasa"

Since the Fukushima nuclear disaster, the citizens of Minami-soma have faced difficulties returning to the city due to housing restrictions in residential areas. Due to a merger of schools, transferring students and differences in curricula, parents, guardians and teachers worry about the decline in the children's academic ability and physical health. The Fukushima Youth Ambassadors Project educates, empowers and connects children to different cultures and people, while also providing a means of getting away from the stress of living in irradiated areas. During the Spring 2014 project, the children traveled to Singapore and Sri Lanka onboard Peace Boat to learn, laugh and interact with a wide range of people.

Messages from the Children:

"Through this trip, I not only learnt about different cultures, but also about issues that we must face in the future. I have decided that I want to pursue a career in which I can work internationally and meet lots of different people. I want to continue to encounter, experience and interact with different cultures around the world".

Nao Kanno, Haramachi No. 1 Junior High School

"It was very easy to make friends because the people in Singapore and Sri Lanka are so nice and friendly. I want to be like that too! I participated in this project for the first time and have gained so many valuable experiences; I hope to use these experiences in a positive way in the future and share what I have learnt with the people of Minami-soma".

Shoma Shiga, Ishigami Junior High School

Fukushima Awareness Raising Campaign

In the wake of the 2011 triple disaster, Fukushima became the focus of the world's attention as the nuclear accident unfolded and local residents were forced to face exposure to radiation. Given the severe human, economic, social and environmental costs of this disaster, it is crucial that the lessons learnt are shared with the rest of the world to prevent history from repeating itself. PBV has organized and coordinated multiple events and projects where Fukushima survivors share their experiences and opinions with global audiences to raise awareness of this tragedy. PBV has coordinated the participation of mayors, civil society representatives and students from affected communities in high-profile international conferences and events, including in Geneva, Northern Europe and the Caribbean.



THE GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE & TSUNAMI:

Ishinomaki / Onagawa

Ishinomaki and Onagawa Town, both situated on the Pacific Coast of Japan, were two of the worst affected coastal settlements in Tohoku. Immediately after the disaster, relief efforts focused on meeting the needs of survivors and supporting evacuees in emergency shelters. With the passage of time, more of an emphasis has been placed on the long-term recovery of these communities and the rebuilding of livelihoods. PBV believes strongly in working alongside communities, as partners, to ensure that all efforts are effective and have the desired impact. During our 3rd year of post-tsunami work, PBV has worked to provide comprehensive support to local stakeholders, from psychosocial care to economic revitalization initiatives. Connecting people and forging relationships between those from Tohoku and those from outside areas has helped to prevent the isolation of residents and has ensured that Tohoku is not forgotten.

3 YEARS OF RELIEF & RECOVERY ACTIVITIES



Achievements during 3 years of Relief & Recovery:

87,504 volunteer work days

Volunteers Dispatched: **14,759**

International Volunteers: **3,510** (from **56** Countries)

Corporate & Group Volunteers: **8,288** (from **106** Organizations)



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Hot Meal Provision and Other Relief Supplies
(107,835 meals / 1,800T supplies)



Evacuation Center Support
(Cleaning/Bathing Facilities at 60 locations)



Clearing Homes and Shops of Mud/Debris
(2,141 structures)



Distribution of Supplies to Temporary Housing Residents
(For 1,320 households)



Cleaning Coastal Areas and Assisting Fishing Communities
(19 areas)



Community Center Management
(11,356 visitors)



Revitalization of Local Industries and Livelihoods
(Since June 2011)



Community Building
(Refer to p.4)



Kizuna Newsletter – Providing Psychosocial Care
(Refer to p. 5)



Imacoco Project – Supporting Local Fishing Communities
(Refer to p.5)



Fukushima

Fukushima faced the complex and unprecedented combination of a major earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in 2011. Even today, over 130,000 people are still displaced and cannot return home. The true human cost of the disaster is still unclear especially among children, who are particularly susceptible to the impacts of radiation. Since the summer of 2011, PBV has regularly organized recreational and international exchange programs to provide relief to affected children. PBV has also coordinated speakers from Fukushima to participate in a range of international events to give their testimonies and ensure that this kind of disaster never happens again.



PBV has coordinated speakers in: Italy, India, Australia, The Republic of Korea, Greece, Jamaica, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Germany, The Dominican Republic, Turkey, Brazil, France, Vietnam, Venezuela & Mexico.



International Exchange Program in Asia
(Summer 2011)



Fukushima x Venezuela x Los Angeles
Music Exchange (Summer 2012)



Study Tour in Australia
"Creating a Sustainable Society"
(Spring 2013)



Rio + 20, Earth Summit
(Rio de Janeiro, 2012)



Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
(Geneva, 2013)

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF

Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) Philippines: Cebu and Biliran Islands

- **Project Period:** 15 November 2013 ~ July 2014
- **Locations:** Cebu Island & Biliran Island, Central Philippines
- **Activity Details:**
 - Provision of Healthcare Supplies and Meal Packages (Evacuation Centers, Cebu Island)
 - Distribution of Shelter Repair Kits and Kitchen Starter Kits (1125 Households, Biliran Island)
 - Financial Support to Local NPOs for Procurement and Transportation of Supplies to Leyte & Samar Islands

* PBV worked in partnership with local government groups and the following organizations: CWS-Asia/ Pacific, FJERA, PDRRN and PGX.



In November 2013, PBV dispatched personnel to the Central Philippines to assist communities affected by Typhoon Haiyan. A range of humanitarian actors, including UN agencies, governmental bodies and international NGOs, responded immediately. The sheer scale of the disaster, compounded by the complex geographical landscape and the variety of community needs that arose, made this response a major challenge for all involved. In collaboration with private, civil and government sector groups, PBV provided emergency support to evacuees and assisted in long-term recovery through the distribution of vital supplies to affected communities. Participation in the UN cluster system enabled PBV to gather and share crucial information, and find suitable partner organizations to maximize the impact of operations at the grass-roots level.



Oklahoma Tornadoes: USA

In May 2013, a series of powerful tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma State, claiming many lives and destroying entire neighborhoods. PBV immediately started raising funds to provide assistance. In the following weeks, PBV dispatched a team of experienced staff to assist in the coordination of volunteers, the removal of debris and other field operations, in collaboration with local community groups and NPOs.

- **Project Period:** 21st May 2013 ~ 26th June 2013
- **Location:** Moore, Oklahoma State
- **Activity Details:**
 - Volunteer In-take and Coordination, Cleaning of Damaged Homes
 - Financial Support to Local Relief Organizations

* PBV worked in partnership with local relief groups "Serve Moore" and "Nechama" during this project



Partnership with US-based Disaster Relief Organization "World Cares Center"

PBV formalized a partnership with the NPO "World Cares Center", a local partner during Hurricane Sandy relief operations in New York. World Cares Center was established after the 9.11 terrorist attacks to engage, empower and coordinate citizens to respond to disasters. Since 2011, the organization has organized training programs inside and outside of the USA to train communities in disaster volunteerism. In March 2014, Executive Director Lisa Orloff visited Japan to share information related to disaster risk reduction, conduct site visits and discuss joint projects for the future.





DOMESTIC DISASTER RELIEF: TYPHOONS, FLOODING & HEAVY SNOWFALL

In 2013, Japan was affected by a number of disasters across the country. PBV dispatched volunteers in collaboration with local partners to assist flooded communities in Shizuoka, Yamaguchi, Iwate and Shiga Prefectures between July and September 2013. Following this, PBV launched relief operations after a severe typhoon struck Izu Oshima, triggering a devastating landslide in October 2013. In February 2014, teams were also sent to Shizuoka and Yamanashi Prefectures to assist communities affected by heavy snowfall. PBV was able to carry out relief efforts in Japan and overseas simultaneously thanks to a vast network of knowledgeable and experienced volunteers, trained through the "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Program" (please refer to p.10).



Oyama Town (Shizuoka Prefecture), Hokuto City (Yamanashi Prefecture)

- Project Period: 19th February 2014 ~ 25th February 2014
- Volunteer Statistics: 45 volunteer work days (27 volunteers)
- Main Activities: Clearing of Snow, Disaster Volunteer Center Management Support



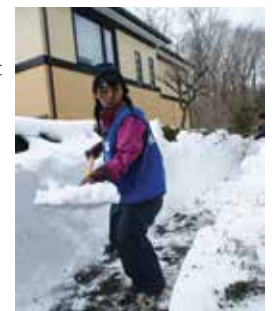
Shizukuishi Town (Iwate Prefecture)

- Project Period: 17th August 2013 ~ 2nd September 2013
- Volunteer Statistics: 193 volunteer work days (65 volunteers)
- Main Activities: Cleaning Homes, Disaster Volunteer Center Management Support



Nishi-Izu Town (Shizuoka Prefecture)

- Project Period: 22nd July 2013 ~ 30th July 2013
- Volunteer Statistics: 112 volunteer work days (37 volunteers)
- Main Activities: Cleaning Homes, Disaster Volunteer Center Management Support



Izu Oshima (Tokyo)

- Project Period: 30th October 2013 ~ 31st January 2014
- Volunteer Statistics: 273 volunteer work days (50 volunteers)
- Main Activities: Cleaning Homes, Disaster Volunteer Center Management Support

Koga City (Shiga Prefecture)

- Project Period: 20th September 2013 ~ 26th September 2013
- Volunteer Statistics: 51 volunteer work days (19 volunteers)
- Main Activities: Cleaning Homes, Disaster Volunteer Center Management Support



Yamaguchi & Hagi Cities (Yamaguchi Prefecture)

- Project Period: 1st August 2013 ~ 2nd September 2013
- Volunteer Statistics: 317 volunteer work days (55 volunteers)
- Main Activities: Cleaning Homes, Disaster Volunteer Center Management Support, Hot Meal Provision



Ishinomaki Fishermen Volunteer to Help Disaster-Affected Communities

PBV first became involved in the recovery of Ishinomaki's fishing communities in June 2011. As the fishermen looked out upon their devastated coastal communities, they told us that clearing up the debris was a lost cause. Nevertheless, with the help of thousands of PBV's volunteers, the fishermen became more and more determined to achieve the impossible. "We received so much support and have always wished to return the favour," the fishermen said prior to being deployed with PBV to Iwate Prefecture in September 2013 after major flooding hit the area. They saw a reflection of themselves in the affected communities and showed great enthusiasm as they gave back to other communities in need.



Program Achievements



One of the key lessons learnt from the 2011 disaster is that volunteers can provide a major impact in disaster response, if properly trained and organized. To prepare and empower citizens to respond as volunteers in the wake of disasters, PBV began implementing the Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Program across the country. This is a comprehensive disaster preparedness program consisting of 4 components: "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training", "Disaster Relief Volunteer Leader Training", "Disaster Relief Volunteer Certification" and "Skill-up Courses".

No. of Participants, No. of Training Sessions & Venues (November 2011 ~ March 2014)

- **Disaster Relief Volunteer Training: 1604 participants**, Implemented **102 times**
- **Locations:** Hokkaido, Miyagi, Saitama, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Aichi, Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Hyogo, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Tokushima, Fukuoka, Oita, Onboard Peace Boat
- **Disaster Relief Volunteer Certification: 489 participants**
- **Disaster Relief Volunteer Leader Training: 458 participants**, Implemented 38 times
- **Locations:** Miyagi, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Aichi, Osaka, Fukuoka, Onboard Peace Boat
- **Skill-up Courses: 99 participants**
- **Locations:** Tokyo, Saitama, Miyagi



* Disaster Relief Volunteer Training 2013 was carried out with the generous support of CWS Japan.

* The Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Program is carried out in collaboration with MontBell, The Japan Society of Home Economics, E-Communications, Japan Volunteer Coordinators Association, Center for Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction (GDRR) and WMA Japan.

Training & Development of Disaster Relief Volunteers

In the wake of the Kobe Earthquake in 1995, many spontaneous volunteers mobilized to help in any way they could. For this reason, 1995 is often considered the "birth of disaster volunteerism" in Japan. However, it soon became clear that a system was needed to take these volunteers in and coordinate them effectively and safely. In hindsight, it was also apparent that volunteers could make a much greater impact if they receive training in non-disaster time, allowing for a quick and thorough response when a disaster strikes. Training, coordinating and organizing disaster volunteers and volunteer leaders can greatly reduce the burden on affected communities; this will be even more important going forward, as rural communities in Japan continue to face depopulation and other demographic issues which may limit local response capacities.



Program Achievements in 2013/2014

- **Disaster Relief Volunteer Training: 962 Participants** (Implemented **65 times**)
- **Disaster Relief Volunteer Certification: 137 Participants** (Online)
- **Disaster Relief Volunteer Leader Training: 199 People** (Implemented 15 times)
- **Skill Up Courses: 47 People** (Implemented 2 times)



During the Great East Japan Earthquake, many international volunteers from around the world proved that they could be a major help without necessarily having Japanese-language skills. PBV also implements English-language training sessions to engage, educate and empower non-Japanese speakers.



FROM TRAINING TO THE FIELD:

Apply Skills and Knowledge in Real-life Situations

Number of Volunteers Involved in PBV Domestic Disaster Relief Activities in 2013/2014 (Please refer to p.9)

Disaster Type	Location	No. of Volunteer Work Days	No. of Volunteers
Flood	Nishi-Izu Town	112	37
Flood	Yamaguchi City & Hagi City	317	55
Flood	Shizukuishi Town	193	65
Flood	Koga City	51	19
Flood	Izu Oshima	273	50
Snow	Oyama Town & Hokuto City	45	27

Number of Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Graduates Involved in Response (No. Dispatched)

Disaster Relief Volunteer Training	Disaster Relief Volunteer Certification	Disaster Relief Volunteer Leader Training	Skill-Up Courses
14	7	15	4
16	7	11	4
11	9	10	0
9	5	5	3
15	11	13	4
9	6	8	8



The Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Program aims to prepare individuals to respond in disaster time and to empower participants to have an impact in real-life situations. Below are the voices of volunteers who have taken part in our domestic disaster relief activities in 2013/2014.

Messages from the Volunteers

After graduating from Disaster Relief Volunteer Leader Training in the summer of 2013, I went with PBV to Izu Oshima. I learnt many things through being a volunteer in a disaster area, it was a great experience. I realized how complex these situations can be and learnt first-hand that clearing debris is a tough job. I was surprised to learn that there were many volunteers (including local residents) helping out enthusiastically, but I also saw that there was a lack of experienced local staff. I felt the importance of relaying our experiences to the people around us so that we can increase engagement in these kinds of relief activities.

Volunteer in Izu Oshima
Yusuke Igawa (Student, Tokyo)

As a survivor of the Great East Japan Earthquake, I learnt that we are all, in some way, vulnerable to disasters. I took part in the training onboard Peace Boat. After I came back, there came a time when I could put my training to use, but I was slightly apprehensive. Nevertheless, I wanted to give back to other communities after receiving so much help from around the world in 2011, so I decided to take a chance. In Nishi-Izu, I was surprised by the quick response and the awareness of the local children about disasters. To me, being a volunteer allows me to say "thank you" and give back; I am determined to continue volunteering in the future.

Volunteer at Nishi-Izu Town and Shizukuishi Town
Emi Kumaya (Ishinomaki City)

Messages to the Volunteers

It had been a chaotic few days when groups of volunteers started arriving. We are grateful to have had such generous support from so many people. The Peace Boat staff were especially energetic and never stopped smiling even after an exhausting day of working in the field. They also offered extremely useful advice and support in managing our operations. I would like to express our gratitude on behalf of our staff, as well as the local residents, for brightening up our days with your hard work and positive energy.

Masao Fukukuchi
(Yamaguchi Social Welfare Council)

We set up the Disaster Relief Volunteer Center two days after the disaster, on 18th October. The main issue was that none of us had ever experienced this. We had absolutely no knowledge on doing home assessments, coordinating or training volunteers. Fortunately, Peace Boat came in and gave us very useful advice based on their vast experiences in this field. Overall, Peace Boat was very organized and supported us in virtually all of our operations. They grew very close to the local residents and we were extremely impressed by their efficiency and effectiveness.

Yusuke Suzuki
(Izu Oshima Social Welfare Council)

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PREPARE. CONNECT. SUPPORT.

Japan CSO Coalition for the 2015 World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (JCC2015)



2015防災世界会議
日本CSOネットワーク
Japan CSO Coalition for 2015 WCDRR



JCC2015 is a coalition of over 80 civil society organizations working toward the 3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be held in March 2015 in Sendai, Japan. The coalition aims to share the experiences and lessons learnt from the Great East Japan Earthquake with the international community and hopes to contribute to the building of disaster resilient communities worldwide. PBV is coordinating with private, government and civil sector stakeholders such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet Office, Sendai City, and the UNISDR (United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction). Also, as a member of JCC2015's Secretariat, PBV is taking an active role in the establishment of the HFA2 (Hyogo Framework for Action 2), the international framework for disaster risk reduction, in the build-up towards the conference.

JCC2015 Homepage: <http://jcc2015.net/en/>
JCC2015's Secretariat: PBV, JANIC, Fukushima
Beacon for Global Citizens Network & CWS Japan

*Peace Boat, the International NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations, is an official Organizing Partner for the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

Corporate Volunteer Network (CVN)

Corporate Volunteer Network (CVN) is a network of corporations, NGOs/NPOs, and intermediary organizations that are engaged in the recovery of areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. Meetings are conducted every 2 months to promote and strengthen cross-sector relations and to establish a multi-stakeholder platform to enhance Disaster Risk Reduction capacities. Over 100 companies and organizations have actively participated in the network as we continue to assist disaster-affected areas and work together to build disaster resilient communities. CVN has also published a booklet on disaster relief, which serves as a guide for private sector groups to contribute effectively in times of disaster.



CVN Homepage: <http://cvnet.jp/>
CVN's Coordinating Organizations: PBV, IBM Japan, Sanofi,
Nippon Foundation, Just Giving Japan & On the Road

Disaster Prevention & Town Development



The "Ishinomaki City Recovery Vision" project is created by a range of stakeholders including NGO staff, city planners, architecture professionals and local business owners. PBV is involved in this project, as well as many other similar inter-sector partnerships, to pool resources from different stakeholder groups and create a stronger, more resilient and prosperous society. It is especially important for a city that has suffered from the 2011 disaster for the residents to protect themselves by carrying out risk assessments, organizing emergency drills, and other activities that boost the communities' resilience levels.

"Ishinomaki City Recovery Vision" Project:
<http://www.ishi-machikyou.com/fukko-vision.pdf>
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EVENTS, TALKS AND SEMINARS ON DISASTER PREVENTION



NEW PROGRAMS STARTING IN 2014

Household Disaster Preparedness Planning Workshop

This workshop aims to engage, educate and prepare families for future disasters through a 90-minute training session. In this interactive workshop, trainers cover the fundamentals (theoretical and practical skills/knowledge) in how to survive and help others during the first 72 hours of a disaster. With guidance from the workshop trainer, participants formulate a disaster plan for their whole family which is specific to their community/ neighbourhood and can be used in times of disaster.



Community Emergency Aid Capacity Building Project

After the Great East Japan Earthquake, Ishinomaki City became a model case for disaster volunteerism as many stakeholder groups worked together to manage and coordinate over 300,000 volunteers. Government, civil and private sector actors collaborated to effectively coordinate disaster volunteers in an unprecedented show of multi-sector cooperation. This workshop and accompanying workbook are based on the experiences of Ishinomaki citizens who were actually involved in the post-tsunami response. Learning from real-life case studies and testimonies, this program serves to empower local communities and enhance their ability to coordinate external assistance in disaster time.



PBV gives talks and seminars on the topics of the Great East Japan Earthquake, disaster volunteerism and other issues related to disaster risk reduction, as well as exhibiting booths at a variety of events. These talks are tailor-made to the audience and have been given all over the country.

April: MontBell Club Friend Fair 2013 Spring, Yokohama & Osaka (Booth Exhibition)/ Ishinomaki Kobunkan High School (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Tokyo Metropolitan Machida City Sakai Middle School (Disaster Prevention Education)

May: 8th Lohas Design Award (Booth Exhibition)/ TOKYO METROPOLITAN ROCK FESTIVAL 2013 (Booth Exhibition)/ Preventing the Fading Out of the Disaster (Lecture)/ Global Platform Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (International Conference)

June: Creating a Youth Support System and Developing a Sustainable and Interdependent Community in Ishinomaki (Lecture)/ Theory of Logistics Policy, School of Commerce, Chuo University (Educational Seminar)/ Engei High School (Disaster Prevention Education)/ School of Liberal Studies, Tokyo Woman's Christian University (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Disaster Volunteer Group, Ishinomaki Senshu University (Disaster Prevention Education)/ School of Social Sciences, Musashi University (Disaster Prevention Education)

July: Special Seminar in Waseda University (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Kanazawa Baptist Church (Lecture)/ School of General Management, Tohoku Fukushi University (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Disaster Volunteer Group, Ishinomaki Senshu University (Disaster Prevention Education)

September: Link to Peace vol.16 (Lecture)/ Tohoku Study Tour, Ryukoku University (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Tokyo Metropolitan Nakano Technical High School (Disaster Prevention Education)/ CLAIR – Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (Training)/ Kawasaki City Commercial High School (Lecture)/ MontBell Club Friend Fair 2013 Autumn, Chiba (Booth Exhibition)/ Shizuoka Prefectural Volunteer Organization (Lecture)/ Ishinomaki Youth Ambassador Meeting (Presentation)

November: Tokyo Metropolitan Momijigawa High School (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Mont Bell Club Friend Fair 2013 Autumn, Osaka (Booth Exhibition)/ Shinjuku Center for Promotion of NPOs (Lecture)

December: Ishinomaki PTA Organization (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Hyogo Consortium of International Associations (Training)/ Volunteerism Theory, Shonan Institute of Technology (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Ishinomaki Junior High School (Disaster Prevention Education)/ Nippon Care-Fit Education Institute (Lecture)/ Philippines Disaster Relief Advanced Team Meeting (Presentation)/ International and Regional Development Studies, Toyo University (Education on Disaster Prevention)/

January: Disaster Prevention and Volunteers Meeting (Lecture)/ Interim Report on Disaster Relief Activities in Izu Oshima (Presentation)/ Workshop on Structure of Volunteer Activities during Large-Scaled Disasters in Kochi (Disaster Prevention Exercise)

March: MontBell Club Friend Fair 2014, Spring in Yokohama & Osaka (Booth Exhibition)/ 9th Map Exercise Training for Disaster Relief Activities by Volunteers, Shizuoka Prefecture (Disaster Prevention Exercise)/ Smile! Fukuoka to Tohoku (Booth Exhibition)/ 311 Japan Disaster Gathering of the Residents (Speech and Booth Exhibition)/ Tokyo Metropolitan Takushin High School (Disaster Prevention Education)/ International Symposium on 3.11 Japan Disaster (Lecture)

MEDIA COVERAGE

[Television]

NHK Tohoku News (2 times)/ NHK-BS, World "Tomorrow"/ TBS "Newsbird"/ Higashi-Nihon Housou News/ Higashi-Nihon Housou "Tsunagou! The Power of Miyagi"/ Sendai Housou News/ Miyagi TV News/ TBC Tohoku Housou News/ CNN News (Central America/Caribbean)

[Newspapers]

Asahi Newspaper/ Mainichi Newspaper (2 times)/ Yomiuri Newspaper/ Kyodo News (5 times)/ The Japan Times/ Tokyo Newspaper (4 times)/ Kahoku Shinpo (4 times)/ Akita Sakigake Newspaper/ Ishinomaki Kahoku Newspaper (9 times)/ Ishinomaki Keizai Newspaper/ Ishinomaki Daily Newspaper/ Ishinomaki Daily Children's Newspaper/ Iwate Nippo/ Ehime Newspaper/ Okinawa Times/ Kanagawa Newspaper/ Gifu Newspaper/ Kyoto Newspaper (2 times)/ Kumamoto Daily Newspaper/ Kochi Newspaper/ Kobe Newspaper/ San-in-Chuo Shinpo/ Sanyo Newspaper/ Shikoku Newspaper/ Shizuoka Newspaper/ Shinano-Mainichi Newspaper (2 times)/ Jomo Newspaper/ Chugoku Newspaper (2 times)/ Daily Tohoku/ Too Nippo/ Tokushima Newspaper/ Nagasaki Newspaper/ Niigata Nippo (2 times)/ Nishi-Nihon Newspaper/ Nihonkai Newspaper/ Fukui Newspaper/ Minami-Nihon Newspaper/ Miyazaki Daily Newspaper/ Morioka Times/ Yamaguchi Newspaper/ Yamanashi Daily/ Yamagata Newspaper/ Alterna (2 times)/ Alterna S (2 times)/ Centumcellae News (Italy)/ CiviOnline (Italy)/ La Civetta di Civitavecchia (Italy)/ Marida Caterini (Italy)/ Pressenza International News Agency (Italy)/ TRC Giornale (Italy)/ Roma Online (Italy)/ Terzobinario (Italy)/ The Courier Mail (Australia)/ as well as other online news & media.

[Magazines]

World (2 times)/ Mass Commi Shimin/ Jichitai Kokusaika Forum/ Lessons in International Cooperation/ 3.11: Disaster and Change in Japan/ as well as other magazines & print media

[Radio]

Minami-soma Hibari FM (2 times)/ Radio Fukushima "Fukushima Smile Caravan"/ Radio Ishinomaki (2 times)/ Date FM "restart! Ishinomaki (2 times)/ FM Okinawa "Golden Hour"/ FM Yokohama "The Breeze"/ RCC Radio/ RKB Radio "Stamina Radio"/ J-Wave "Tokyo Morning Radio"

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2013/2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BALANCE SHEET (JAPANESE YEN)

ASSETS

Cash Deposits	84,755,406
Commodities/Goods	52,635
Temporary Advances	96,140
Prepaid Expenses	39,600
Accounts Receivable	4,254,161
Current Assets Total	89,197,942
Other Fixed Assets	2,492,339
Total Assets	91,690,281

DEBTS/LIABILITIES

Outstanding Payments	781,044
Advances Received	10,292,000
Deposits Received	353,965
Accrued Taxes Payable, etc.	70,000
Current Debts/Liabilities Total	11,497,009

Net Assets Total 80,193,272

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Current Income Total	108,510,951
Monetary Donations/Contributions	23,182,863
Grants	72,313,845
Volunteer Participation Fees	6,306,500
Membership Fees	2,310,000
Other Income	4,397,743

Current Expenses Total	108,697,368
Projects/Operational Expenses Total	92,684,582
Disaster Relief Projects/Operational Expenses	46,055,954
Disaster Relief Projects/Operational Support Expenses (Administration, etc.)	13,988,254
Volunteer Training Program Expenses	32,602,119
Other Project/Operational Expenses	38,255
Management Expenses Total	16,012,786

CHANGE IN CURRENT BALANCE	
(Total Income – Total Expenses)	-186,417
Taxes (Corporate Taxes)	70,000
Change in Net Assets	-256,417

Net Assets at Beginning of Fiscal Year (April 2013)	80,449,689
Net Assets at End of Fiscal Year (March 2014)	80,193,272

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Over three years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami; as 11th March 2011 recedes further into history, gathering funds and donations for the recovery of the Tohoku region and other domestic and international disaster-related activities continues to be a challenge.

We would truly appreciate your continued involvement and support for PBV's activities so that we can continue to assist communities affected by disasters around the world.

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