

3 Chronology of Recovery (events from the date of the disaster to fiscal 2013)

2011



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March

- 11 The Great East Japan Earthquake (magnitude 9.0 and a maximum seismic intensity of 7) strikes off the Pacific coast of Tohoku and triggers a tsunami.
The Prefectural Disaster Task Force is established. The Disaster Relief Act applies to all cities and towns.
- 14 The number of persons in the prefecture displaced by the Great East Japan Earthquake peaks at 320,000.
- 24 Tohoku Expressway reopens to non-essential traffic after all debris is removed.
- 30 Sanriku Expressway is fully restored.



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April

- 7 An aftershock of magnitude 7.1 occurs offshore of Miyagi Prefecture. The earthquake measures magnitude 6 strong in Kurihara and Sendai cities.
- 13 The first extra domestic flights after the earthquake go into service at Sendai Airport.
- 14 The first catch following the earthquake is landed at the Shiogama Fish Market.
- 22 The Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake Disaster Recovery Task Force is established. **1**
- 27 Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress visit the stricken area (Minamisanriku Town and Sendai City). **2**
- 28 Displaced residents begin moving into the prefecture's first temporary emergency housing (Shiogama City).
- 29 The entire Tohoku Shinkansen line is restored.



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June

- 4 Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess visit the stricken area (Iwanuma City and Yamamoto Town).
- 20 The Basic Act on Reconstruction in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake is established.
- 25 The Reconstruction Design Council in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake formulates the proposal for recovery "Towards Reconstruction."



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July

- 25 Sendai Airport restarts its regular domestic service. **3**
- 29 The national Basic Guidelines for Reconstruction in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake are formulated.
- 10 The prefecture's first temporary commercial facilities (Shiogama Minato Fukko (Recovery) Market) are completed.

August

September

- 1 The Miyagi Mental Care Hotline in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake is established.
- 5 The Support Office of the Miyagi Support Center is established (Sendai City).
- 12 The Miyagi Citizens' Committee in response to the accident at Tokyo Electric Power's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant is established.
- 25 The Sendai Airport Terminal Building is completely restored. Regular international service on the Sendai-Seoul route returns.



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October

December

- 1 The Sendai Airport access railway service line resumes full operation.
- 18 The Miyagi Prefecture Earthquake Disaster Recovery Plan is adopted.
- 1 The Miyagi Disaster Mental Health Care Center is established (Sendai City).
- 11 All public utilities in the prefecture are restored (except those in the tsunami outflow area).
- 26 Preparation of all temporary emergency housing (prefabricated houses) is completed (22,095 units in 406 housing complexes). **4**
- 30 All evacuation centers in the prefecture are closed.

2012



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January
February

- 4 The Miyagi Support Center for Hearing-Impaired Disaster Victims is established (Sendai City).
- 9 The Special Zone for Promoting Private Investment (Manufacturing industry version) in Miyagi Prefecture is recognized as the first special recovery zone.

March

- 10 The national government establishes the Reconstruction Agency. The Miyagi Response Office is established in Sendai City, with branches in Kesenuma and Ishinomaki cities. **5**
- 11 Memorial services are conducted in various locations on the first anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. **6**
- 19 The Implementation Plan for Accident Damage Control Measures Related to Tokyo Electric Power's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant is formulated.
- 24 The prefecture's first contracted disaster waste incineration treatment facility holds an incinerator firing ceremony (Watari-Natori block). **7**
- 26 The Miyagi's Future Vision & Earthquake Disaster Recovery Implementation Plan are adopted.
The Prefectural Disaster Task Force is abolished.



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April

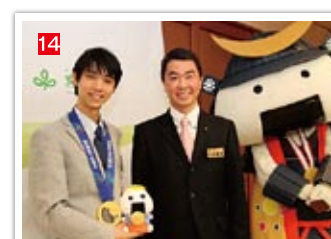
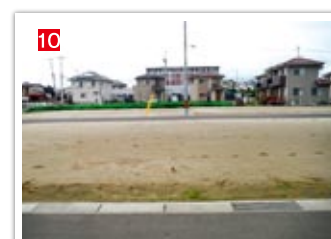
- 1 As a first in the country, the position of disaster prevention chief is created at all prefectural public schools; the position of lead teacher responsible for disaster prevention is created at key elementary and junior high schools.

May	12	Their Imperial Majesties the Emperor and Empress visit the stricken area (Sendai City) (May 12-13).
June	16	The Coastal Forest Reproduction Kickoff Tree Planting is held to promote full restoration of coastal forests (Shichigahama Town).
July	20	The prefecture approves its first Recovery Land Readjustment Projects in Stricken Urban Areas (Ishinomaki City).
August	5	A groundbreaking ceremony is held for Development of the Tamaura-nishi District in Iwanuma City, the prefecture's first project for promoting disaster prevention collective relocation.
	20	The bus rapid transit system (BRT) starts service on the JR Kesennuma Line (Kesennuma City, Minamisanriku Town, and Tome City). 8
October	18	The Miyagi Prefectural Disaster Victim Recovery Support Council is instituted.
November	3	The Sanriku Expressway (Utatsu to Motoyoshi) Groundbreaking Ceremony is held (Minamisanriku Town).



2013

January	23	Groundbreaking ceremony is held for the Oshima Bridge Project (Kesennuma City).
	29	All 26 disaster waste incinerators are in operation under the prefectural contracted waste disposal. 9
	30	The Intermediate Guidelines of the Third Addition is formulated by the Dispute Reconciliation Committee for Nuclear Damage Compensation with Miyagi Prefecture as the target area for compensation regarding reputational damage to the agriculture, forestry, fishery and other sectors.
February	1	The prefectural disaster prevention plan (formulated at the Miyagi Prefectural Disaster Prevention Council) is reviewed for the first time since the earthquake disaster.
March	11	Memorial services are held in various locations to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake.
	26	The Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster Recovery Fund grants (for housing rehabilitation from tsunami damage) are awarded to 15 coastal municipalities.
April	1	The prefecture's first public disaster housing begins accepting residents (Sendai City, Ishinomaki City, and Yamamoto Town). 9 An ordinance is enacted to determine Miyagi Memorial Day. The Sendai-Miyagi Destination Campaign is launched (until June 30).
May	24	Sanriku Fukko (reconstruction) National Park is founded.
	31	The Sendai Airport Supporter Meeting to Achieve 6 Million Passengers & 5,000 Tonnes of Freight is established.
June	15	The Sendai Air Cargo Terminal (an international airfreight facility) and other structures reopen.
	20	Construction of the prefecture's first project for promoting disaster prevention collective relocation (Sendai Municipal Zatsukofukuro District) is completed (Sendai City). 10
July	31	Dismantling of the prefecture's first temporary emergency housing complex is completed (Shichigahama Town).
August	2	The prefecture's first Comprehensive Care Center is opened (Ishinomaki City). 11
	20	Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess visit the stricken area (Shichigahama Town and Sendai City).
	23	The prefecture's first large-scale photovoltaic power plant (mega solar power systems) is completed in the coastal stricken area (Higashimatsushima City).
September	1	A new fishery opens in the special fishery reconstruction zone (Ishinomaki City).
	3	The greenhouse complex for strawberry cultivation is completed and handed over to farm producers (Watari Town). 12
	8	The 2020 Olympics & Paralympics are awarded to Tokyo; GRANDE·21 in Rifu Town is proposed as the site for a soccer ground.
November	3	The Miyagi Keicho Diplomatic Mission Ship Museum (San Juan Museum) reopens (Ishinomaki City). The Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles win the Japan Series for their first No. 1 finish in Japan. 13
December	17	Groundbreaking ceremony is held for the prefecture's first recovery base improvement project for rural communities involved in agriculture, forestry and fisheries (land consolidation program) (Iwanuma City).
	19	The first "local community facilities" utilizing donations from Hyogo Prefecture are completed (Watari Town).



2014

February	13	The Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster Recovery Forum Comprising the Four Prefectures of Tohoku is held for the first time.
	15	Yuzuru Hanyu, a men's singles figure skater from Miyagi, wins a gold medal at the Sochi Olympic Games. 14
March	11	Memorial services are held in various locations to commemorate the third anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake.
	12	Disaster waste disposal contracted by the prefecture is completed.