

Interview Video “Rearguard Support for Disaster Volunteers: Trials by a labor Union in Kitakami City, Kyosei Union Iwate in the Great East Japan Earthquake”

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BASIC INFORMATION

Date	February 29, 2012
Place	Office of Kyosei Union Iwate in Kitakami City, Iwate Prefecture
Interviewees	Yusuke TAKAHASHI (Secretary General) Masahiko YAMASHITA (Vice President)
Interviewer	Tadahito YAMAMOTO
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Recording Time	22 min, 50 sec

This interview video will soon be posted on the website of the Study Group on Infrastructure and Society:

<http://sgis.soc.hit-u.ac.jp/index.ja.html>.



Note: The video was subtitled in English by Nishigahara jimakusha (西ヶ原字幕社)

ABOUT THE VIDEO

It took about two hours to interview Yusuke Takahashi and Masahiko Yamashita, who are the core staff members at the Tono Union Volunteer Center. How did they provide rearguard support for disaster volunteers? How was the transitory space for this support constituted? What kinds of actions and thoughts underlay the work of the Volunteer Center? This interview was conducted to examine these questions and to investigate the process of making and managing the Tono Union Volunteer Center in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. I hope that viewers will be able to gain a vivid perception of these trials by watching this video.

Contents of the Video

- Circumstances Immediately After the Earthquake
- The 1st Earthquake Disaster Countermeasures Meeting
- Setting Up the Tono Volunteer Center
- The Volunteer Center Founded
- Acceptance of Volunteers
- Activities in the Quake-Hit Area
- Management of the Volunteer Center
- Volunteer Work Should be Done in a Self-Contained Manner?
- The Union Volunteer Center as an approach to crisis response