

YORI-SOU (Side by Side)

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Tsunami Warning Suspends Recovery Actions

Several recovery activities were held up due to the tsunami warning announced following the 9:57am earthquake today.

I was on the way to Hakozaki Area (Kamaishi City) with four other staff to carry out a scheduled demand-supply survey. We heard the tsunami warning and hurried to the volunteer centre where we are supposed to go in case of emergency. At first we were on the 3rd floor of the building but we were told to go higher. We waited at 5th floor for about an hour before we heard the announcement of cancelation of all scheduled activities for the day and came back to Tono.

Mr Hirano, who was driving a group of volunteers to Otsuchi-High School, was stopped by a traffic police at Ryogoku town (Kamaishi City). Being advised to evacuate to a nearby-hill or a fabricated shelter (which is tsunami-proof), they waited for half an hour before they decided to cancel their activity.

This experience taught us that there would be such situations that we have to stop whatever we are doing due to tsunami-warning, to maintain health-and-safety of volunteer staff.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Be Proactive--- Please do not always wait for instructions but try to make your own decision and take action!

Drink Limit--- Each volunteer is allowed to store a maximum 500ml bottle of drink. Please be thoughtful for others and try not to put too much food and drink in the fridge.

No Late-Night Washing--- You cannot do laundry between 10pm and 6am.



A CAT TEACHES "HOW TO CHILL"

This cat was rescued in May and has been sheltered at "Drive-Inn Yoshino-Ya". He just sleeps all day in front of the shop, no matter how busy and noisy it can be... Like him, we should all learn to relax, especially as hot and stressful summer begins!

Volunteer meeting: 5:30pm at Sports Hall on Monday, 11th July

Number of Volunteers on Sunday, 10th July: Overnight- 121 people, Total- 163 people