

Recovery from Zero and Community Planning – Towards “Rikuzentakata: an Intentionally Inclusive Community”

City of Rikuzentakata



Situation

In order to reconstruct and create communities, Rikuzentakata City sets a vision of moving forward toward creating a city where everyone, including the elderly, people with disabilities, expectant and nursing mothers, children, foreign residents, and the LGBT community can live safely in peace in their own way.

Action

By developing “the action plan for building communities where there is no need for the word ‘normalisation’,” the city is promoting various efforts in the following five areas:

- Disaster prevention, community, information sharing, and PR
 - Education and child rearing
 - Health, medical care, welfare, and nursing care
 - Industry, employment, and tourism
 - Buildings, roads, parks, and transportation
-

Impact

- Created opportunities for people with disabilities to work and earn more through gift packing jobs related to the Hometown Tax System.
 - For the restoration of urban districts, promoted the introduction of universal design by working together with contractors
 - As a part of the project to increase the number of visitors, welcomed 12 students from a school for the deaf on their school trip, and provided private home lodging for them.
 - Going forward, planning to create more opportunities for people with disabilities and the elderly to work, as well as promote sports for the disabled, through the collaboration of the citizens, communities, companies, and administration.
-