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**— 2022 August-September Heavy Rains and Typhoons —**

## Delivering Needed Relief Items to Areas Affected by Water Cutoff and Floods

This summer, the Japanese archipelago was again hit by a series of natural disasters.

Beginning August 3, 2022, record-breaking heavy rains caused extensive damages to reportedly more than 7,000 houses in 25 prefectures from Hokkaido to Kyushu. In Niigata Prefecture, 2,434 houses were flooded above or below floor level.

Typhoon 14 struck on September 14 and is said to be one of the most powerful typhoons of all time, wreaking havoc across the Kyushu, Tokai and Kanto regions. Typhoon 15 followed just 10 days later flooding large parts of Shizuoka City, Shizuoka Prefecture. More than 15,000 houses in total were affected by Typhoons 14 and 15, and restoration works are still yet to be completed. Disaster volunteer centers set up in Shizuoka Prefecture continue to recruit volunteers.

These disasters have been designated as “severe disasters” and the government subsidizes the cost of restoration and reconstruction of roads, farmlands and schools. However, affected people are now entering a crucial phase in rebuilding their lives. Victims must remove dirt, mold, and debris which require specialized knowledge, but some feel uncertain because they find the post-disaster assistance system difficult to understand.

In this newsletter, we report on the assistance activities for the areas affected by heavy rains and typhoons that struck in August and September this year.

**Please Donate Now through Hometown Tax Payment Program of Saga Prefecture!**

Based on the lessons learned supporting disaster relief in August and September, we have set up a crowdfunding project that utilizes the Hometown Tax Payment Program of Saga Prefecture. Your generous support will help the disaster-affected areas during emergencies. Donors are eligible to receive thank-you gifts consisting of specialties of Saga.

**Delivering Medical Care and Assistance in Times of Disaster!**

**Please support the activities of our Airborne Rescue & Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS).**

<https://www.furusato-tax.jp/gcf/2020>

**Target amount: JPY 2 million**  
**Donation period: Until January 18, 2023 (90 days)**

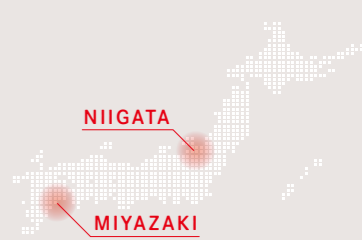
**Purpose: Procurement and transportation of relief supplies, etc.**





# 2022 August Heavy Rains, Typhoons 14 and 15 ~ Deliver Relief Goods through Good Links

Japan experiences frequent natural disasters in August and September and this year was no exception - heavy rains and typhoons caused tremendous damage in many areas of the country. Civic Force, in cooperation with local volunteer groups, delivered relief supplies to Niigata and Miyagi prefectures.



## 2022 August Heavy Rains

### Donated Water Bags and Electric Wagons to Murakami City, Niigata Prefecture

On August 3, record-breaking rainfall severely damaged Murakami City, Niigata Prefecture, cutting the water supply in some areas including Takane Village. On August 6, Civic Force shipped 500 water bags to households without water in Murakami City.

In addition, Civic Force loaned two electric wagons to the Tsukisara Partners Center, a nonprofit that promotes community development in Murakami City and other areas. In the affected communities, many hills and narrow roads made it difficult to transport relief items by car or truck, so the electric wagons were helpful to transport relief items to the homes of the elderly and other locations. The local children visited the affected communities together and interviewed the victims about their needs. Our partner thanked us saying, "Thanks to the electric wagon, we were able to smoothly deliver heavy water bags and other supplies."



Transporting heavy water bags with local children



Electric wagon used at a forestry work site where roads have collapsed and vehicles were unable to pass through © Takane Community Lab. WARA



Electric wagons loaned by Civic Force



Less visible under-floor damage © Takane Frontier Club

# NIIGATA

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Rice and miso soup delivered to disaster-hit areas © OMOYAI Volunteer Center

## Typhoon 14

### Donated Cooked Rice and Instant Miso Soup to Nobeoka City, Miyazaki Prefecture

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In Nobeoka City, Miyazaki Prefecture, more than 300 houses were flooded above floor level. Civic Force donated cooked rice packs and freeze-dried miso soup to the disaster-hit areas on October 22 through the OMOYAI Volunteer Center, which has been supporting the reconstruction of damaged houses in the city. The OMOYAI Volunteer Center is an NPO in Saga Prefecture where Civic Force has its office. Having experienced disasters such as heavy rainstorms in the past, the OMOYAI Volunteer Center is working to meet the affected people's needs by providing counseling services to disaster victims and helping to clean up damaged houses. The volunteer center hopes to "repay the people of Miyazaki for their assistance when they supported us when the flood happened in Saga."

## Typhoon 14 and 15

Please use these relief goods!



### Relief Supplies are Now Available on Good Links

In addition to providing relief assistance in Niigata and Miyazaki prefectures, Civic Force published on Good Links, a digital matching platform, a list of supplies that can be utilized in disaster hit areas throughout Japan including Shizuoka Prefecture which was hit by Typhoon 15.

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<https://goodlinks.civic-force.org/supply/>



#### Examples of Relief Supplies

- Blue poly tarpaulin
- Portable toilet
- Water bag
- Dry shampoo
- High-pressure washer
- Underwear, socks, and T-shirts

NPOs engaged in ongoing support activities are welcomed to utilize these goods and services. You can also use the "Request (Wish list) Registration" to register needed relief items. For details, please contact us at [gl@civic-force.org](mailto:gl@civic-force.org).

## Collaboration with Companies

### Joint Workshop with Amazon for Disaster Assistance



Civic Force has been working on establishing partnership systems with various organizations for disaster assistance. On August 1, a workshop titled "Effective Use of 'Wish List' to Match the Needs of Disaster Areas" was held at Amazon's Fulfillment Center in Tosu City, Saga Prefecture. We reaffirmed that we would further our cooperation in disaster assistance.

#### What is Amazon's Wish List?

Amazon's Wish List is a platform to notify people of what you need by pre-registering the items. The Wish List for Affected Areas allows evacuation shelters to pre-register items necessary for relief supplies and is open to Amazon users. Amazon users can support victims by purchasing items on the Wish List. Through this system, rice and miso soup were delivered to the people affected by typhoon 14 in Miyazaki Prefecture.

## Passing Down Disaster Memories

### Activities for Passing Down Memories and Lessons to Future Generations

Disaster can strike anywhere and anyone. Civic Force supports activities that pass down memories and lessons learned to future generations.



#### 311 Memorial Network

#### Great East Japan Earthquake Passing Down Activity Report 2021 Completed

The revision of the Basic Act on Disaster Management in 2013 specifies that passing down disaster lessons to future generations is the responsibility of residents in disaster-affected communities. This is the only report that compiled these activities in the areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake so please read for further details.

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#### Tomioka Town 3.11 Storytellers Gathering

#### Elementary & Junior High School Student Storytelling YouTubers

#### Introduced Vineyard in Tomioka Town, Fukushima Prefecture



<https://www.civic-force.org/info/activities/higashinon/20220929.html>

Tomioka Town 3.11 Storytellers Gathering has focused on fostering storytellers who pass on the impact of the nuclear power plant accident as well as the present situation of Tomioka Town. Since last June, the group has organized video production classes for elementary and junior high school students in addition to storytelling classes for adults. The students produced a video about the current situation in the community and it has just been released.

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**Creating an Emergency Preparedness Mechanism**

We are undertaking various efforts to develop our emergency preparedness mechanism in the face of disasters. This page introduces media coverage of our activities and information associated with our partner organizations.



**Pamphlet on our Bequest Donation Program Now Available**

Donating your inherited properties to NPOs or educational institutions is called “bequest donation.” More and more people are considering bequest donations because they they would like to contribute to society and leave their mark on the world. By designating Civic Force as the recipient, you can support people in affected areas. Please contact [info@civic-force.org](mailto:info@civic-force.org) to learn more about Civic Force’s bequest donation program.

**Minna de Bosai @ Oita and Osaka (Disaster Prevention Together) Players Fund**

On August 21, a disaster prevention event “Disaster Prevention Together x Players Fund” was held in Beppu City, Oita Prefecture, as part of the “Play Catch Classic” co-organized by the Japan Professional Baseball Players Association (JPBPA) and the Beppu Rubber Baseball Association. A similar event was also held in Higashi-Osaka City, Osaka Prefecture on November 13. On August 29, a “Study Session on the Players Fund,” co-organized by the Baseball Legend Foundation (BLF), JPBPA, and Civic Force, was held in Shibaura, Tokyo. Ms. Kaori Neki, Executive Director of Civic Force, talked about disaster assistance activities and how to reduce disaster risk.



**Support Our Activities Easily**

**General Donations**

**Brilliance+ “secret stone”**

<https://www.brilliance.co.jp/about/news/donation-program.html>

Jewelry shining inside the ring  
10% of sales will be donated

**Hometown tax payment program**

<https://www.furusato-tax.jp/city/product/41001/107>

**Value Books: “Charibon”**

<http://www.charibon.jp>



**Heads: “Charity Happiness Shopping Bags”**

<https://www.e-heads.co.jp/shop/g/gCHRC-M/>

**SUNNAP (sales limited in ASKUL) “Phase-free Certified Paper Cup with Measurement”**

<https://askul.disclosure.site/ja/themes/103>

**Hondana-Otasuke-Tai: “Donation by Selling Second-Hand Books”**

<https://hondana.biz/charity-application/>

**EC Navi: “Smile Project”**

[https://ecnavi.jp/smile\\_project/](https://ecnavi.jp/smile_project/)

100 yen donated with each purchase

**COVID-19 Emergency Assistance**

**BEAMS “BEAMS Mask”**

<https://www.beams.co.jp/brand/901658/>

**GlobalGiving**

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/coronavirus-relief-aid-distribution/>

**Great East Japan Earthquake**

**Yahoo! Net Donation**

<http://donation.yahoo.co.jp/detail/3747011>

**Experience Life in the Evacuation Center Held in Omachi Town, Saga Prefecture**

On August 8, an event to experience life in the evacuation center was held in Omachi Town, Saga Prefecture. Civic Force, together with Toyota Group Companies in Saga Prefecture, demonstrated how to utilize vehicles equipped with power supply functions.



**Trailers to Medical Institutions**

On August 6, as Japan was entering the seventh wave of COVID-19 infections, Civic Force loaned two trailers to medical institutions in Saga City. The trailers are being used as waiting space for the medical staff who test patients with fever for COVID-19 at outdoor drive-thru facilities.



**Speech on Cooperation in Times of Disasters**

On November 2, “Exchange Meeting with CSOs” was held in Takeo City, Saga Prefecture. Ms. Kaori Neki gave a speech about the importance of cooperation in times of disasters.

**Media Coverage**

- 22.08.22 **WEB** Amazon News  
Thinking about how to make use of a “wish list” that meets the needs in disaster-affected areas.
- 22.08.23 **NEWSPAPER** The Oita Godo Shimbun  
Children competing in the “origin of baseball”: Professional Baseball Players Association hosts a play catch event in Beppu City.
- 22.08.24 **NEWSPAPER** The Saga Shimbun  
Civic Force collaborates with Professional Baseball Players Association to raise donations for disaster assistance activities.
- 22.09.11 **NEWSPAPER** The Saga Shimbun  
The Rondan Saga Column  
Face-to-face relationship and collaboration system are attractive.

**Start Your Support with Only 33 Yen per Day**

In order to be better prepared for future disasters, we need your support. Become a monthly supporter and you can donate a fixed amount each month (in 1,000 yen units) and help prepare for future large-scale disasters.

- **Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation** :  
Aoyama Branch Account No. 6953964
- **Japan Post Bank** : 00140-6-361805  
(Account holder’s name of the above banks is “Civic Force”)
- **Credit card** : Please check the “Donate Now!” section of the Civic Force website below  
<https://bokinchan3.com/civicforce/donation/bokin/page1.php>

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