

Message from the founder

In 2011, when I saw the disaster area in Rikuzentakata with my own eyes, it had an enormous and immediate personal impact. Right then and there, I committed myself to work for the full recovery of the Sanriku area.

Our organization places great emphasis on keeping lines of communication open and talking to one other. In the process of restoring disaster areas, discussion is very important for bringing people together and also for connecting with those overseas. The act of talking is the first step in achieving desired results.

I started the Hanaso Kikin (or "Let's Talk Foundation") to directly embody my belief that we must begin this vital work through mutual communication. I have donated my personal funds to this organization, and I continue to ask for assistance and contribution from volunteers around the globe.

The Let's Talk Foundation aims to help the residents in the tsunami-affected area gain international communication capabilities, mainly through the monthly event known as "Komo's English Class at Rikuzentakata," in addition to other related activities. Our greatest hope is to see the region reborn as leader in this era of increasing globalization. For more details, please see the reverse side of this brochure.

We have made it this far because of the tremendous support that we have received both in Japan and from those abroad, and this support is deeply and sincerely appreciated. We ask for your continuing assistance as we move forward in our endeavors.



We keep up our activities
- Let's join forces together.

Tsuyoshi Komori



Photo of Rikuzentakata, October 2014

Let's Talk Foundation

Executive Director : Tsuyoshi Komori
Date of Foundation : March 2012
Number of Members (As of Dec. 2014)
Active Contributors (Volunteers) : 120
Financial Contributors (Donators) : 184
Corporate Members : 9
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Supporting international communication and unity in the tsunami-affected area

Let's Talk Foundation

Passing on the Hope
Connecting with the World

■ Activities
■ Request for Support



Choose how to help

Komo's English Class in Rikuzentakata



Every month in Rikuzentakata, volunteer teachers interact with students from the elementary school level to the seniors. Lessons are held on a one-to-one basis for 90 minutes each. The sessions focus on both general and business English, and they provide a good opportunity to talk with both local students and other volunteers.

Komo's English Class in Tokyo



These business-focused classes are held every month in Tokyo. First, students and teachers dine and drink together to develop good rapport, following which participants read the materials of managerial context, e.g., annual report of multinational corporation together. Participants donate 1000 yen to the foundation in addition to paying actual expenses.

Weekend tour of Sanriku, the tsunami-affected area



Although more than four years have passed since the earthquake, recovery is still in the early stages. On weekends (for two days and one night), foundation members act as voluntary guides around Sanriku. Participants can get a direct sense of how the area is recovering as well as sample delicious local foods and experience natural beauty. Attendees often feel invigorated after speaking with local residents. Ad-hoc tours may be held depending on the number of attendees.

Donation support

Your donations are used to improve and support foundation activities. All members, including directors, serve without compensation. Detailed financial information is disclosed in the annual report (in Japanese), which can be found on our website. Donations of at 3000 yen or more are requested and highly appreciated.

For more information

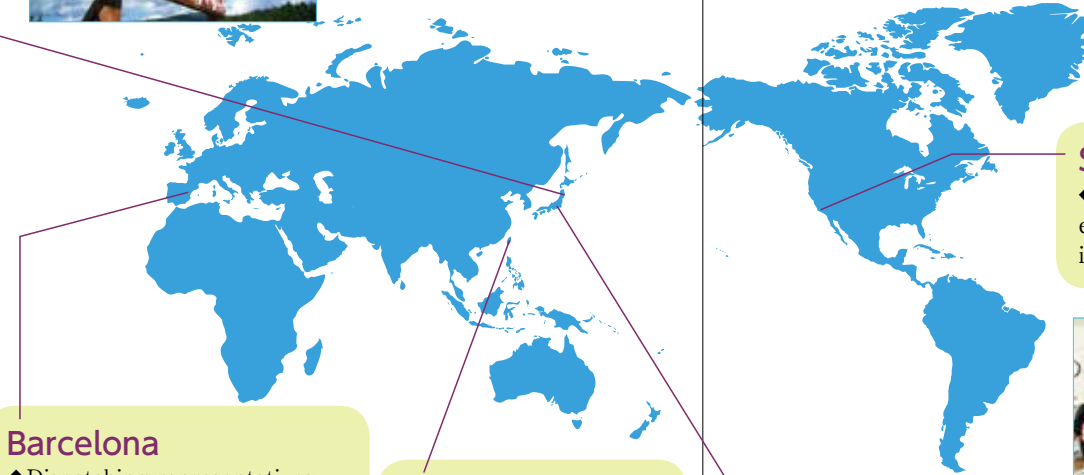
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Activities

Rikuzentakata

- ◆ Komo's English Class in Rikuzentakata (monthly)
- ◆ Support for US-Japan high school students summit (annually)
- ◆ Sending students to English summer camp (SCOA)
- ◆ Support for publication of notes on the tsunami and recovery (in English and Chinese)
- ◆ Support for publication of art book of poetry and painting (English)
- ◆ Weekend tour of Sanriku



Santa Maria, CA

- ◆ Exchanging letters with elementary school students in English



Barcelona

- ◆ Dispatching representatives
- ◆ Exchanging letters in English
- ◆ Collaboration with KOREKARA JAPON (An artists' group for recovery support); and dispatching information to the tsunami-affected area.



Taipei, Taichung

- ◆ Dispatching representatives
- ◆ Presentation in Chinese on disaster experiences written by Mr. Sato, a student of Komo's English Class in Rikuzentakata



Tokyo

- ◆ Komo's English Class in Tokyo (monthly)

