



Sunflowers Planted at the Tsunami-Hit Area (Onagawa Elementary School) [Photo by Takashima]



Minami-Sanriku Town before the Earthquake (Part of the Town)

Minami-Sanriku Town Washed Away by the Tsunami [Photo by Takashima]



Enjoying Ice-Cream Making (Cheering Tour)

Over 20,000 people were killed or missing due to this disaster, mostly by tsunamis. The tsunamis hit the whole coastal area, about 500 km as a straight line and about 2,000 km as a coast line. In particular, Sanriku and Sendai areas with a series of coves had the severe damage. People in Sanriku area have built a breakwater that was 10m high and a few-kilometer long, and they also had disaster drills regularly. Even these efforts were not enough to deal with these unimaginably massive earthquake and tsunamis, which killed a number of people including community leaders.



Having Fun at Genbei River (Cheering Tour)

About 150,000 to 160,000 people have lost their homes, and over 100,000 people have been affected by the nuclear power plant accident. Many of the disaster victims are still living as evacuees. While there are a number of victims who need care, it is particularly painful to learn that about 160 children have lost their parents due to the tsunamis.

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Since coves are rich in nutrients thanks to rivers flowing from mountains behind, they attract a lot of fish. As a result, for a long time, people have also lived in the area with coves, where the tsunamis hit. People in this area are indeed good examples of harmonious living with nature, not only cultivating riverbanks and hills but also protecting mountain forests. This is where Isabella Bird (an English female explorer in the late 19th century who was also well-known for gardening) was so impressed that she praised it in her book "Unbeaten Tracks in Japan."



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