

# Chronology

## 2011

- March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake (magnitude 9.0) struck, and tsunami hit the area
- Evacuation centers opened
- March 15 Disaster Volunteer Centers opened (until Aug.10)
- March 28 Construction of prefabricated temporary housing began
- April 1 Sendai City Basic Policy for Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction announced
- April 7 Largest aftershock struck (magnitude 7.2)
- April 11 Applications for primary recruitment of emergency temporary housing opened
- April 16 Gas utilities fully recovered (excluding evacuation advisory areas, etc.)
- April 22 Tsunami-flooded residential area debris removal began (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- May 23 Applications accepted for demolition and removal of destroyed houses
- May 30 Sendai City Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction Vision formulated
- June 1 Reception of personnel from local governments nationwide on long-term assignment began
- June 12 Opinions exchanged on reconstruction and community building (seven meetings through Jun.26)
- June 15 All 1,505 prefabricated temporary housing units completed
- July 11 Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Service held in Sendai
- July 16 Tohoku Rokkon Festival held in Sendai (until Jul.17)
- July 31 Debris removal in tsunami-flooded residential area completed (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- All evacuation centers in Sendai closed
- October 1 Debris incineration began with temporary incinerators
- November 30 Sendai City Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction Plan formulated
- December 16 Disaster Risk Areas designated (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- December 17 Briefing sessions began for the Disaster Prevention Collective Relocation Promotion Project (until Dec.26, tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- December 28 Debris removal in farmland completed (tsunami-flooded eastern area)



## 2012

- January 10 Consultation desk for recovery in affected inland hilly residential areas opened
- March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Service held in Sendai
- April 1 Sendai City Post-Disaster Reconstruction Bureau established
- May Farming restarts on farmlands where recovery work and desalination was completed
- June 5 Applications accepted for residential reconstruction aid for eastern Sendai (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- September 3 Minami-Gamo Wastewater Treatment Plant repairs began (groundbreaking ceremony)
- October 10 Elevated road project started on Shiogama-Watari Prefectural Road
- November 11 Applications accepted for residential areas for Disaster Prevention Collective Relocation (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- December 21 Applications accepted for 12 units in first Disaster Reconstruction Municipal Housing

## 2013

- March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Service held in Sendai
- April 1 Sendai City Regional Disaster Prevention Plan revised (general information, earthquake and tsunami measures)
- September 17 Applications accepted for 661 units in Disaster Reconstruction Municipal Housing
- September 29 Debris (combustible) incineration completed
- October 25 National Eastern Sendai Land Improvement Project (farmland development) groundbreaking ceremony
- December 27 Debris treatment and disposal completed

## 2014

- March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Service held in Sendai
- March 16 Road elevation work on Shiogama-Watari Prefectural Road began
- March 31 Program for the Rebuilding of Disaster Victims' Lives formulated
- Reception of personnel on long-term assignment ended
- May 10 Applications accepted for residential land in seven areas for Disaster Prevention Collective Relocation (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- July 10 Applications accepted for 2,447 units in Disaster Reconstruction Municipal Housing
- November 18 Damage recovery work began in Kaigan Park



## 2015

- February 14 Construction completed on the first Tsunami Evacuation Tower
- March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Service held in Sendai
- March 14 The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction took place in Sendai (until Mar.18, adaptation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030)
- March 23 Program for the Speedy Rebuilding of Disaster Victims' Lives formulated
- March 26 Residential land for seven areas of Disaster Prevention Collective Relocation Land Handing-Over Ceremony and all residential land completed (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- August 10 Northern Gamo Disaster-Affected Area Urban Redevelopment Project started (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- August 12 Construction started on Kaigan Park Evacuation Hill
- December 6 Sendai Subway Tozai Line began operation

## 2016

- February 3 Concept for use of land after collective relocation announced (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- February 13 Sendai 3/11 Memorial Community Center fully opened
- March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Service held in Sendai
- March 12 2016 Sendai Symposium for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Future held
- March 31 Sendai City Post-Disaster Reconstruction Bureau closed in connection with the end of the Sendai City Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction Plan
- April 1 Minami-Gamo Wastewater Treatment Plant repairs fully completed
- Agriculture and Horticulture Center is renovated and reopened
- April 19 Open call for ideas for use of land after collective relocation began (tsunami-flooded eastern area)
- May 20 G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting, Sendai held (until May 21)
- June 30 All 3,206 houses for Disaster Reconstruction Municipal Housing completed
- September 20 Construction began to preserve the Disaster Ruins of Sendai Arahama Elementary School
- September 30 Four Kaigan Park Evacuation Hills completed
- October 15 Part of Kaigan Park reopened for use
- October 28 Provision of prefabricated temporary housing completed

## 2017

- March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake Memorial Service held in Sendai
- March 12 2017 Sendai Symposium for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Future held
- March 28 All 13 Tsunami Evacuation Facilities completed
- March 31 Provision of temporary housing for disaster-affected households in Sendai completed
- April 30 Disaster Ruins of Sendai Arahama Elementary School opened to the public
- June 10 Tohoku Kizuna Festival held in Sendai (until Jun.11)