

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

# **Ishinomaki Disaster Recovery Assistance Council Inc. (IDRAC)**

*Organization Overview*

## 1. History

In response to the Great East Japan Earthquake that occurred on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Ishinomaki NPO/NGO Assistance Network Conference was established in the Ishinomaki Senshu University, with members of the Ishinomaki Junior Chamber International as a center. It then became a general incorporated association in April to support recovery from the damages caused by the earthquake/tsunami and other natural disasters in the future as well as to coordinate the relief NPO/NGOs working in Ishinomaki.

March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Held the first “NPO/NGO Assistance Network Conference”
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2011	Renamed “Ishinomaki Disaster Recovery Assistance Council”
May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	“Ishinomaki Disaster Recovery Assistance Council Inc.” was established.

## 2. Members

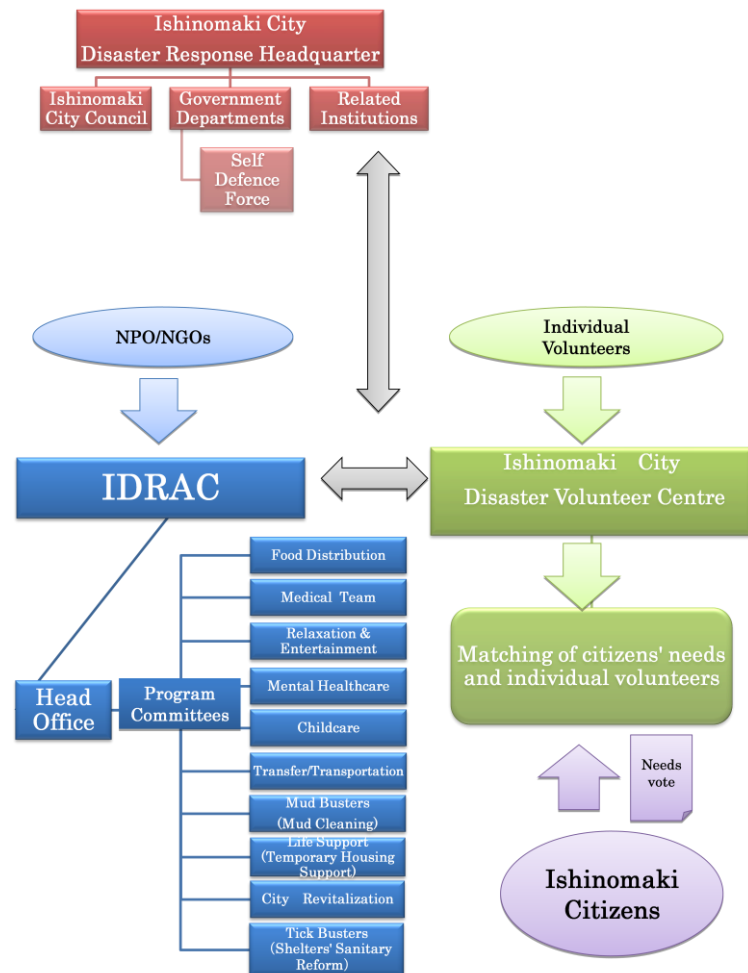
Chairman: Shuki Ito

Three Directors (including Chairman), One Auditor, One Accounting Auditor,

Approximately Ten Head Office Staffs (except for one staff dispatched from another NPO, all unpaid)

## 3. Activity Outline

- Coordinates the NPOs/NGOs as well as individual specialist volunteers involved in disaster recovery assistance in Ishinomaki to conduct smooth and efficient functioning of disaster relief.
- Cooperates with the Ishinomaki Disaster Volunteer Center, which, run by the Ishinomaki City Social Welfare Council, dispatches individual volunteers to places of the citizens' needs.
- Holds a council meeting and a program committee meeting everyday.
- Sets up the ten program committees for each field of activity and coordinates the organizations within each committee; Food Distribution, Medical Team, Relaxation & Entertainment, Mental Healthcare, Childcare, Transfer/Transportation, Mud Busters (Mud Cleaning), Life Support (Temporary Housing Support), City Revitalization (Events & Entertainment), and Tick Busters (Shelters' Sanitary Reform).
- Communicates with the Disaster Response Headquarter, the Self Defense Force, and the City Council through meetings and cultivates the information sharing between the administrative institutions and the NPO/NGOs.
- Carries out the heavy machinery project and cultivates the coordination of the special vehicles and manpower work within the Mud Busters program committee.



## 4. Achievements

### (1) Coordination

Timeline : March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to present

Funding : The Nippon Foundation as well as other general donations

Objective : To coordinate the activities of NPO/NGOs in Ishinomaki

To encourage reconstruction and development of the local community

Participants: The IDRAC-registered 268 organizations

- Hosts the Council Meeting and Program Committee Meeting everyday with NPO/NGOs in Ishinomaki. A total of 92 meetings have been held to the present.
- Holds the participant registration for the NPO/NGOs working in Ishinomaki (we have 268 registered NPO/NGOs to the present).
- Cooperates with the Ishinomaki City Disaster Volunteer Center and established the Ishinomaki Senshu University Tent Site Regulation as well as made notices for the NPO/NGO volunteers in Ishinomaki.
- Attends every Ishinomaki City Disaster Response Headquarter meeting (everyday until May 12<sup>th</sup>, every Mon. and Thurs. until June 27<sup>th</sup>, every Mon. since then), reports the relief activities as well as fosters information sharing with the local administration and the related institutions.
- Assigns 9 to 23 organizations everyday to each division of the Food Distribution, and since April 3<sup>rd</sup>, making 4,000 to 15,000 servings everyday, with a total of 460,000 servings to the present.
- Using the computers, printers, and other electronic devices donated by the NIED (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention), created the map data for the disaster relief (such as food distribution, mud busters, and tick busters) and distributed the hard-copies to the NPO/NGOs to promote information sharing within each program areas.
- Created the IDRAC official website on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Provided the basic information, such as the Tent Site Regulation, as well as frequently updating the blog to publicize the relief activities in Ishinomaki.



Council General Meeting



Information Sharing with  
Self Defense Force



Tent Site Map



Meeting with the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan



IDRAC Official Website



## (2) Relief Projects

Timeline : March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to present

Received Funding : The Nippon Foundation as well as other general donations

Objective : To coordinate the activities of NPO/NGOs in Ishinomaki  
To encourage reconstruction and development of the local community

April 9<sup>th</sup> Child Smile Project : Kazuma Nursery Cleaning

April 10<sup>th</sup> Downtown Smile Project : Initiation Ceremony Cleaning  
(1,000 people around Tachimachi area)

April 11<sup>th</sup> Downtown Smile Project : Tachimachi/Chuo/Station North Street Cleaning/Debris Removal



April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> Festival Project: Omiya Shrine Cleaning

May 5<sup>th</sup> Festival Project: Omiya Shrine Hosts the Annual Spring Festival





April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>    Child Smile Project    : Suimei Nursery/Fukuroyachi Park    Cleaning  
 May 6<sup>th</sup>    Child Smile Project    : Suimei Nursey    Entrance Ceremony    Presentation of Flowers



May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>    Free bus ride for the victims between Japanese Red Cross Hospital and Watanoha  
 May 19 to the present    Heavy Machinery Project    : Using Zetros and Unimog donated by the Daimler



May 30<sup>th</sup> to the present    : Shelters' Sanitary Reform (Tick Busters)

