

# “Arigato” Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction

The Secretariat of the Headquarters for the Promotion of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, Cabinet Secretariat established new type of host town in the three disaster-stricken prefectures (Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima) September 2017. The Secretariat designates local governments attempting to realize exchange of residents while showing its recovery to the countries/regions abroad that have supported them as “Arigato” Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction, and fully supports the exchanges towards 2020.

What is “Arigato” Host Town for Supporting Reconstruction?

Also having exchange directly with "those who gave support at the time of disaster"

Invite and exchange with people who contributed in the reconstruction, including the rescue team members of different countries who entered the disaster-stricken area for support, and those who have sent relief supplies.

"Transmit the process of reconstruction" on the occasion of exchange

Explain the process of reconstruction and hold a tour to visit disaster-stricken areas on the occasion of exchange, to show the past and present of the disaster-stricken area.

Place emphasis on exchange with the relevant personnel of the Games after the Games period

Place emphasis on exchange under a relaxed situation with the athletes of the counterpart countries/regions after the Tokyo 2020 Games period.

\* National and prefectural governments cooperate to openly recruit local governments for host town and to fully back up the registration.

[Image of exchange]

- Elementary and junior high school students who received support on Japanese drum exchange with the children of supporting countries
- Local government who received support for constructing community hall holds exchange with relevant personnel of supporting country
- Exchange with the countries to which support on building schools has been offered from before, to also thank them for support after the disaster.

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