



まつもと 子ども留学

Matsumoto Boarding School Project for the Children of Fukushima



“Matsumoto Kodomo-Ryugaku Kikin”
is asking for your help.

About us

Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011 has completely changed our lives. The uncertain situation of Fukushima still continues and we are afraid to see that Fukushima children have been forced to live under many restrictions even after three years of the disaster. NPO, "Matsumoto Kodomo Ryugaku Kikin" has launched a project here in Matsumoto, seeking for the place where Fukushima children can play and study safely.

Target child:

Children from the third grade of elementary school up to the third grade of junior high school.

Dormitory location: Shiga district, Matsumoto City, Nagano Prefecture. A quiet area northeast of Matsumoto surrounded by beautiful mountains.

Attending Schools:

Matsumoto City Shiga Elementary School
Matsumoto City Aida Junior High School



In order to make this program accessible to all Fukushima children regardless of their financial circumstances, the majority of the operating cost (such as labor fee and maintenance fee of the dorm), which is nearly 20 million yen, is mainly supported by donation. We appreciate your understanding of this project and thank you for your help raising our fund. We are sure your kind support would lead to the bright and peaceful future of the children.



Cooperative relationship with Matsumoto City:
Matsumoto city, population of 240,000, attracts a variety of people of many different interests. The city is the epicenter of music, fine arts and folk art, and also has been loved by outdoor activists. The city shows a great understanding of our project and cooperates with improving the environment.





From the Mayor of Matsumoto, Akira Sugeno

I am very worried about the children in Fukushima, because I was involved in medical support activities in the Republic of Belarus after the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident. City of Matsumoto would like to provide better learning environment for the children responsible for the future. Even after 27 years of the accident in Chernobyl, some children still suffer from health problems, which we can never allow to happen to Fukushima children. It is the responsibility of the adult, at this time of national crisis, to protect the children's lives. This study project is the first of its kind in Japan, but if it turns out successful, there is a possibility that this project could give a good effect on the efforts of other local governments as the "Matsumoto model", that is, the idea of trying to protect children together could spread nationwide. I think in that sense there is a great significance in this project.



Mayor of Matsumoto City, Akira Sugeno spent five and half years in the Republic of Belarus as a thyroid specialist. He was engaged in medical support activities and still continues to support exchanges. He considers children as the top priority, and talks on TV and in his lecture about the importance of helping children.

From Tetsuya Chiba (Cartoonist):

I drew a lot of so-called wild boy characters in my works like "Harris no Kaze" or "Ore wa Teppei". It is because I wanted to warn the Japanese society that the children in Japan tend to grow up without having much outside activity. They play video games inside or study all the time for the entrance exam. I believe those children who spend a lot of time in nature will grow strong and also better understand other people's pain physically or mentally. I truly support this project so the children from Fukushima can play freely in nature in Matsumoto.



From the Representative, Hiroshi Ueki:

To everyone,

I believe children are the treasure of the society.

It is our responsibility to make them shine.

We would like to fully support to make children grow strongly.

"Cherish the Earth, because it is not from your parents, but we are borrowing it from our children." -African proverb

Thank you for your warm support!

How to support:

To donate –
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