

Tohoku, Japan—Rebuilding for a Better Tomorrow

An exhibition showing the impact of the 11 March 2011 earthquake and tsunami on the Tohoku region, the northern part of Japan's main island, and the region's efforts to rebuild will be held at Customs House in Sydney from 8 March 2012.

The devastating impact of the March 2011 disaster was watched by people around the world on TV and the web. Videos enabled people to see the shocking force of the tsunami. People watched in horror as the Fukushima nuclear power plant incident unfolded and the authorities worked to stabilise the plant. The efforts of international and Japanese rescue crews were reported in detail during the immediate aftermath. People rallied to lend their support.

This photo exhibition includes pictures of the devastation that coastal communities in eastern Tohoku suffered and of people who came to assist the affected areas with the rescue and later the rebuilding efforts. Other images are of people coming together and getting on with their lives as best they



can. Yet others show the destructive power and the tenacity of nature in the same picture. A selection of photos illustrates some of Tohoku's attractions which have long been a

source of pride for the region.

The images have been put together by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and around 60 photos will be displayed in the Sydney exhibition.

While some of the photos may bring back unhappy memories for some, it is hoped that visitors to the exhibition will see the strength of the people of Tohoku as they work to rebuild their region for a better tomorrow.

Venue: Customs House Library
(Level 2 Exhibition Space)
Circular Quay, Sydney
Weekdays: 10am-7pm
Weekends: 11am-4pm
Closed public holidays

Date: 8 March (Thurs)—29 April (Sun)

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Everyone lends a helping hand: people flee their wrecked town, left, and at an evacuation centre, a young girl reads to a small boy.

Nadeshiko Japan shines at FIFA Ballon d'Or Awards

Women's player of the year, coach of the year for women's football and fair play award

The success of the Japanese women's national football team, Nadeshiko Japan, was recognised by FIFA at the FIFA Ballon d'Or 2011 awards, presented on 9 January 2012 in Zurich, Switzerland.

In the team's first ever World Cup grand final appearance, Nadeshiko Japan lifted Japan's spirits when it twice came from behind to win the

FIFA Women's World Cup 2011 on penalties against the US last year.

Top Japanese player Homare Sawa won the FIFA Women's World Player of the Year award.

The coach of Japan's national women's team, Norio Sasaki, was named winner of the FIFA World Coach of the Year for Women's Football.

Japan received another honour at the Ballon d'Or ceremony. The Japanese Football Association was awarded the FIFA Fair Play Award in recognition of the hardships endured in the wake of the 11 March 2011 disaster and the courage shown overcoming them to make the final of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011.