

BEYOND Tomorrow Spring Program 2013



March 15-18, 2013

Source: Ko Sato (BEYOND Tomorrow College Scholarship Program participant)

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BEYOND
Tomorrow

*Two years after the disaster, with memories of their home
to cherish, building a new future together*

Source: Ko Sato (BEYOND Tomorrow College Scholarship Program participant)



Two years

after the devastation



Friends

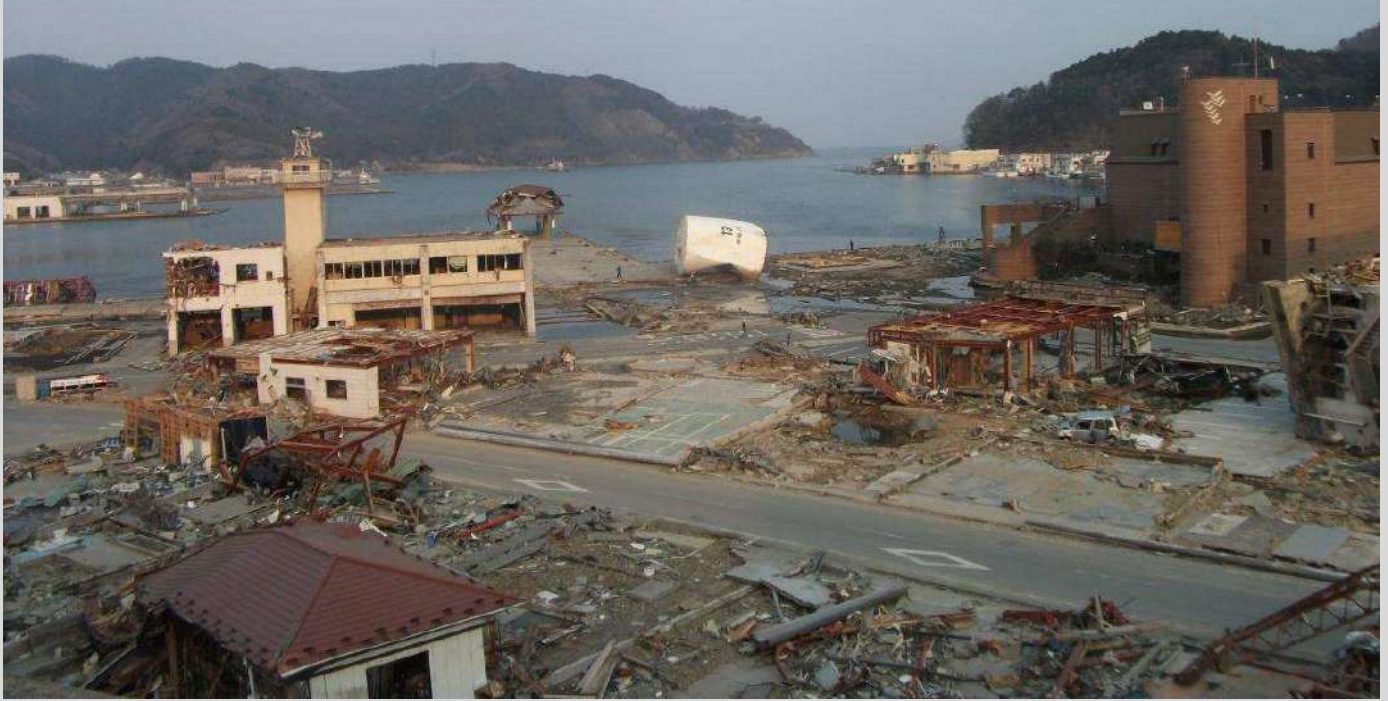
to walk with



Resolutions

for our future

I realized how unique an experience it is to be engaged in serious conversation with such astute peers who also call Tohoku home, like me.



we aim to come together as friends who share a common ambition, despite going down separate paths to pursue our individual dreams.



Source: Minoru Endo (BEYOND Tomorrow College Scholarship Program participant)

BEYOND Tomorrow is a project established to support the young victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake to become future leaders.

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BEYOND Tomorrow Spring Program 2013 Summary

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Participants
Twenty-nine high school and undergraduate students from Tohoku (including those studying abroad) who aspire to become global leaders. Many of them survived the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami. All are participants of BEYOND Tomorrow's scholarship programs.

Objective
This program aimed to bring together student leaders from Tohoku so that they can understand the mission and objectives of BEYOND Tomorrow, set goals for their student lives, and build a foundation of trust for the future of Tohoku.



Special Message

Akie Abe

First Lady of Japan



“You have all survived the Great East Japan Earthquake - a catastrophe of unprecedented scale - and have received the opportunity to participate in this program. As such, I believe that you have a mission, a destiny to fulfill.”

Dear students

When I saw all of you putting your heart and soul into the BEYOND Tomorrow Spring Program 2013 Opening Session, I was extremely impressed.

You have all survived the Great East Japan Earthquake - a catastrophe of unprecedented scale - and have received the opportunity to participate in this program. As such, I believe that you have a mission, a destiny to fulfill.

You have a unique ability to help others precisely because you have experienced such hardships. There are many students who wanted to participate in this program but were not able to. For their sake as well, I urge you to take in as much as you can during your time here, and grow to become someone who can work for the betterment of the Tohoku region and Japan. I imagine you have received the help of many people along the way; I hope that you will someday be able to pay it forward to others.

We, the Japanese people, have learned many lessons since the earthquake and tsunami. There are probably new friends we have made thanks to the disaster.

My greatest hope is that you will one day look back and be convinced that you are who you are only because you overcame such enormous challenges.

Special Message

Shinjiro Koizumi

Member, House of Representatives



“I hope that as participants of BEYOND Tomorrow, you can share in your grief and come out with a bond and a trust that is even stronger than before. ”

Students of BEYOND Tomorrow,

Two short years ago, you were struck by an unimaginable tragedy. I continue to be amazed at how, despite the grief, the BEYOND Tomorrow students were able to keep facing forward and maintain a positive attitude.

During tough times or distressing times, on one hand you must try to keep looking forward, but on the other hand, it is also important to take the time to grieve. I hope that as participants of BEYOND Tomorrow, you can share in your grief and come out with a bond and a trust that is even stronger than before.

In your long life ahead, you will undoubtedly be faced with many choices and decisions regarding your education or careers. At times you may even make the wrong choice. But I believe that you, as survivors who overcame the tragedy of the Great East Japan Earthquake, can learn from those mistakes to progress even farther ahead. I urge you to support each other as friends during this process.

The road to recovery is still long. In fact, there are issues that may require a very long time to resolve. But we are a generation that must take it upon ourselves to achieve this recovery, no matter how long it takes. I strongly believe that hope lies in politics, and through that sentiment I continue to pledge my support to the recovery of Tohoku.

Program Overview

During this four-day-long program, students thought about what they could do as young generation from Tohoku.

1. Unique roles to play for Tohoku as young generation from Tohoku
2. Actionable plans to take while at college

To summarize these two points, the program provided the participating students with the following four approaches:

Discussion

In order to overcome the adversity of the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami and become leaders, these students, who share the will to rise and recover, conduct a discussion to share ideas and unite.



Interviews “When I Was Twenty”

Interviewing leaders active in various fields, the students think about what kind of activities they should pursue during their time in college.



Dialogue with Mentors

Leaders from a variety of fields became mentors, and through dialogue, supported the students toward realizing their dreams



Team Building

The program provided participating students with an opportunity to deepen mutual trust and unite as a team by having them organize a camping trip.



Program Overview

スケジュール

15th March <Friday>

- 12:00 - 12:45 Opening Session (Guest: Akie Abe First Lady of Japan)
- 12:45 - 14:00 Orientation & Ice-breaking
- 14:00 - 15:00 Speaker Sessions "When I was Twenty"
Haruo Miyagi President, ETIC.
- 15:00 - 16:00 3.11 and BEYOND Tomorrow, Sharing of experiences•Past Activities
- 16:20 - 17:30 Discussion "What we should do now as leaders of Tohoku"
- 17:30 - 18:00 Choir Rehearsal, Practice for Words of Departure
- 18:00 - 21:30 Dinner & Tour of Tokyo

16th March <Saturday>

- 7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 11:25 Dialog in the Dark
Team Building and Dialogue among the students through activities in the dark
- 11:25 - 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 16:30 Moving to Campsite and Shopping for Dinner
- 16:30 - 18:30 Dinner Preparation
- 18:30 - 20:00 Dinner and Cleanup
- 21:00 - 23:00 Games
- 23:00 - 24:00 Discussion

17th March <Sunday>

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:00 Discussion "One Year Action Plans"
- 10:00 - 12:45 Going Back to the City
- 12:45 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:00 Choir Rehearsal
- 14:00 - 15:30 Speaker Sessions "When I was Twenty"
Yutaka Arai Senior managing director, Great East Japan Earthquake Recovery Initiatives Foundation
SOFTBANK CORP. CEO's Office
- 15:30 - 17:00 Developing Action Plans
- 18:00 - 20:00 Dinner with Mentors
(Guest: Shinjiro Koizumi Member, the House of Representatives)
- 20:30 - 22:00 Choir Rehearsal, Presentation Preparation

18th March <Monday>

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast (Eggs'N Things)
- 10:00 - 11:00 Rehearsal
- 11:00 - 13:00 Closing Plenary



BEYOND Tomorrow believes that the youth affected by the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami have the potential to become leaders to act on behalf of the world, Japan, and Tohoku reconstruction efforts. In order to support these youths, BEYOND Tomorrow sponsors a comprehensive leadership program that includes scholarships. University students and High school students selected by the following BEYOND Tomorrow programs participated in the BEYOND Tomorrow Spring Program 2013.



Scholarship Program (Second-year students)

Targets high school students affected by the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami, who hold global perspectives and aspire to be active both domestically and abroad. Targets students who plan to be enrolled in universities, junior colleges, and various other schools for the April 2012-March 2013 school year. A comprehensive leadership program that provides scholarship. Twenty students were selected through an application essay and a face-to-face interview.

Tohoku Future Fellows Program 2013 (Incoming first-year students)

Targets high school students affected by the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami, who hold global perspectives and aspire to be active both domestically and abroad. Targets students who plan to be enrolled in universities, junior colleges, and various other schools for the April 2013-March 2014 school year. A comprehensive leadership program that provides scholarship. Thirteen students were selected through an application essay and a face-to-face interview.



Program Overview

List of Participants

Participants consisted of twenty-nine students who aspire to become active both domestically and globally. Sixteen students have been members of BEYOND Tomorrow's scholarship program since 2012, and the remaining thirteen joined in 2013.

List of Participants

Name	Current School	High School
New second-year students		
Yuria Imai	Faculty of law at Keio University	Morioka First High School graduate
Minori Endo	Faculty of Business Administration at Ishinomaki Senshu University	Ishinomakikita High School graduate
Sakae Onodera	School of Commerce at Waseda University	Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School graduate
Eisuke Kato	Faculty of Environment and Information Studies at Keio University	Toryo High School graduate
Shota Kikuchi	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Iwate University	Ofunato High School graduate
Masahiro Kikuchi	School of Social and International Studies at University of Tsukuba	Takada High School graduate
Chisato Kuramoto	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Iwate University	Ofunato High School graduate
Kokurin Saijo	Faculty of International Studies at Takushoku University	Kesennuma High School graduate
Ko Sato	Faculty of Regional Policy at Takasaki City University of Economics	Morioka First High School graduate
Masahide Chiba	Faculty of Engineering at Utsunomiya University	Ofunato High School graduate
Naomi Fukuda	Faculty of Engineering at Utsunomiya University	Ofunato High School graduate
Shinpei Fujita	Faculty of Law at Kanagawa University	
	Kanagawa prefecture Kishine High School graduate (originally from Kesennuma High School)	
Emi Funakoshi	School of Culture, Media and Society at Waseda University	Miyako High School graduate
David Yuuga Mansfield	School of Law at Waseda University	Sendai Ichiko High School graduate
Hiromi Meguro	School of Community Service and Science at Tohoku University of Community Service and Science	Soma Higashi High School graduate
Incoming first-year students		
Reo Ishikawa	Faculty of International Communication at Gunma Prefecture Women's University	Yumoto High School graduate
Ayaka Ogawa	Leelanau School (U.S.A)	Otsuchi High School graduate
Ena Kanno	School of Commerce at Waseda University	Sukagawa Toyo High School graduate
Aoi Kitada	Faculty of Medical Technology at Teikyo University	Kamaishi High School graduate
Takuya Kimura	College of arts and sciences at The University of Tokyo	Morioka First High School graduate
Ryuji Kokuta	Faculty of Law at Tohoku University	Kesennuma High School graduate
Kaede Sakuma	School of Art at Tohoku University of Art and Design	Ishinomaki Municipal Girl's Senior High School graduate
Saya Sasaki	Faculty of Letters and Education at Ochanomizu University	Takata Senior High School graduate
Kazuki Sato	Faculty of Arts and Letters at Tohoku university	Sendai Daini High School graduate
Shin Sato	School of Medicine at Iwate Medical University	Ofunato High School graduate
Ayumi Takahashi	Faculty of English Studies at Sophia University	Sendai Shirayuri Gakuen High School graduate
Aoi Tamura	Faculty of Administration and Social Sciences at Fukushima University	Soma High School graduate
Hayoung Paik	Faculty of Arts and Letters at Tohoku University	Aizu Gakuho High School graduate
High School Study Abroad Program		
Sayaka Sugawara	Leysin American School (Switzerland)	Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School graduate

Spring Program Highlights

Opening Session

Mrs. Akie Abe, First Lady of Japan, came to listen to the students speak about their dreams and the situation of their homes back in the site of the disaster. Participating students had a chance to discuss topics such as the blessings of Japanese culture and how they should communicate with the world. It was also an opportunity for the students to mentally prepare themselves for the rest of the program and reflect on their roles as students from Tohoku.

Opening Session

Akie Abe First Lady of Japan

“There are many students who wanted to participate in this program but were not able to. For their sake as well, I urge you to take in as much as you can during your time here, and grow to become someone who can work for the betterment of the Tohoku region and Japan. I imagine you have received the help of many people along the way; I hope that you will someday be able to pay it forward to others.”



Dinner around Tokyo

On the first night, each team dined at various places in Tokyo.

- TeamA** Chinese food (Roppongi Hills)
- TeamB** Okonomiyaki (Harajuku)
- TeamC** Samgyeopsal (Okubo)
- TeamD** Pizza (Shibuya)



Spring Program Highlights

Interviews “When I Was Twenty”

To help students figure out their roles in life and develop their action plans, leaders, who are active in various fields, were invited to share what they were thinking and feeling when they were at college. By listening to the personal stories such as what they were doing during their twenties and how those experiences led them to where they are now, students thought about ways to take advantage of their time as students.

“We live in a society with the freedom and wealth. Then why live a life confined by social conventions?”



“Even without money or power, if you share your vision to make our society a better place, it can drive people to make a difference. This lesson became the foundation of the person I am today.”

Haruo Miyagi President, ETIC.

Born in 1972. He founded “ETIC. Student Entrepreneur Conference” in 1993 while attending Waseda University. As leader of the organization, Miyagi created educational programs for university students all over the country and also supported various start-ups and venture companies. In 2000, he changed the name of the organization to ETIC, expanded its activities, and incorporated it as a nonprofit with himself as director. With the goal of producing the next generation of entrepreneurs and leaders, Miyagi continues to provide career design assistance and internship opportunities to university students, as well as seek career-education reform at schools and universities.

“It is silly to expect leaders to act in certain ways. Becoming a leader of yourself will make your life fun and fulfilling.”

“When you embark on a new journey, it is extremely important who you are with. I hope that you will become someone who will not defend vested interests but have courage to work with trustworthy companions to make a great accomplishment.”

“Gather your friends and start your own story. Have the courage to immerse yourself in it. It does not matter if you make mistakes, upset others, and become sad while you are young. Do not be afraid of failure.”



Yutaka Arai Senior Managing Director, Great East Japan Earthquake Recovery Initiatives Foundation SOFTBANK CORP. CEO's Office

After visiting Fukushima with President Son of Softbank in March of last year, Yutaka took it upon herself to start a foundation to help in the recovery effort. He now spends half of every month in Fukushima. While still a student at Waseda University, he served as chairman of the executive committee of the 5th YOSAKOI SORAN Festival and also undertook a walking tour of Japan. The friends he met during that time continue to encourage Yutaka in her recovery focused activities.

“You do not always have to be the protagonist; you can play a great supporting role by being there for someone struggling to accomplish something.”

Spring Program Highlights

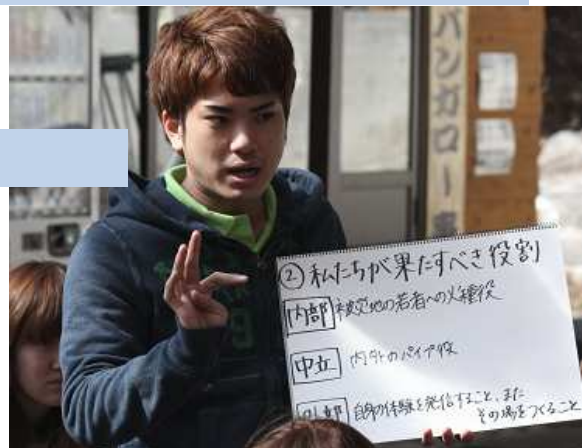
Discussion“Action for Tohoku”

Participating students, hoping to mature as leaders through BEYOND Tomorrow, developed action plans that can be accomplished because they are students from Tohoku. Two years after the disaster, countless challenges continue to plague recovery efforts while the disaster is said to be fading from the public memory. They discussed late into the night what they could do based on their experience of the disaster first-hand.

What do the afflicted areas of Tohoku need now,
two years after the disaster?



What is our role and what can we do?



What is our one-year action plan?



Resource Person

Two young leaders joined each team to help guide the discussion and provide the students with new perspectives that enable them to learn more from the program.



Koumei Ishikawa
Research Division Manager,
ETIC.

Mr. Ishikawa was born in the town of Kira in Aichi Prefecture in 1983. He participated in ping-pong and hunting activities in Alaska in the United States. While at college, he began a start-up project selling dried seaweed and fishing nets. After taking part in M&A business projects at Accenture, he left Accenture and established a research division as the manager. In 2010, he also began planning ETIC. His work includes impact evaluation and policy proposals.



Masanao Ishihara
Keio University Master's Course

Born in 1986 in Naha City, Okinawa Prefecture, He will be graduating from the Graduate School of Science and Technology at Keio University in March 2013. As an undergraduate, he participated in a choir group, and his research at the graduate school focused on human error management. He firmly believes in the importance of applying specialized skills to real world issues and makes an effort to work in non-academic settings.

Spring Program Highlights

Team Building Hatonosu Camping

With the hope of bringing students from the 2012 and 2013 scholarship programs together, participants from last year planned the two-day camping trip during the program. At the peaceful camp grounds, students shared food, played group games, and talked about their future aspirations.

Cooking Contest



鳩の巣バンローキャンプ

なぜキャンプを行うのか？
4月16日～17日、2日間、大井町市にある「鳩の巣」に移動し、2泊2日のキャンプを行いました。

目的：鳩の巣という自然豊かな環境の中で、学生同士が交流し、協力し合い、自己成長を図ることを目的としています。

参加者：大井町市立大井町高等学校、大井町市立大井町高等学校、大井町市立大井町高等学校、大井町市立大井町高等学校

活動期間：3月16日

12:00～13:00 移動時間です。

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13:00～14:00 移動時間です。

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14:00～15:00 移動時間です。

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16:00～17:00 移動時間です。

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17:00～18:00 移動時間です。

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18:00～19:00 移動時間です。

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19:00～20:00 移動時間です。

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20:00～21:00 移動時間です。

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21:00～22:00 移動時間です。

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23:00～24:00 移動時間です。

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24:00～25:00 移動時間です。

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25:00～26:00 移動時間です。

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26:00～27:00 移動時間です。

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28:00～29:00 移動時間です。

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29:00～30:00 移動時間です。

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What We Want to Accomplish Together



Minami Tsubouchi / Executive Director, BEYOND Tomorrow

With the aim to provide participants from last year with a chance to organize a learning program for the new participants, I decided to let them plan a part of the Spring Program this time around. If, as I believe, an important part of leadership is serving others as well as getting them involved, I wanted our students to be able to take the initiative during the program of BEYOND Tomorrow. Although the students made me nervous at times, I hope that this attempt to let students arrange a program forms a foundation of leadership development.

(Student Leader) Shinpei Fujita / Second Year in Faculty of Law, Kanagawa University

The camping trip aimed to bond the current students and the new students together. In planning the program, I realized that there were many details I, as the leader of the camping trip, had to consider, such as what items students should bring and where the camp should take place. Worried if other participants would like my plans, I hoped that we could successfully bring all students closer together. I think everyone took the camp seriously and were able to connect with each other on a deep level. Thanks to this opportunity, I realized that the students in BEYOND Tomorrow were very socially-conscious—a rare quality—and I felt confident that we would be able to accomplish our action plans and beyond in the future.

Spring Program Highlights

Dinner with Mentors

On the last night of the program, special guests were invited for the mentor dinner, during which students shared their insight on Tohoku and the things they learned through the program.



"While each of us pursues respective dreams on the respective fields, we are here together with our shared thoughts for Tohoku."

Emi Funakoshi
Second year in School of Culture, Media and Society
Waseda University
(From Iwate Prefectural Miyako High School)



"The road to recovery is still long. In fact, there are issues that may require a very long time to resolve. But we are a generation that must take it upon ourselves to achieve this recovery, no matter how long it takes."

Shinjiro Koizumi, Member , House of Representatives



"I feel more empowered to contribute to Tohoku' s reconstruction thanks to the discussions we had amongst ourselves and with leaders at BEYOND Tomorrow."

Sayaka Sugawara
Grade 11, Leysin American School, Switzerland
(From Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School)

Spring Program Highlights

Closing Plenary

The program that spanned four days and three nights came to an end with a closing ceremony, where the students presented their action plans. Last year's participants combined forces with this year's new participants to deliver a heart-filled presentation. They pledged to come together to continue to build on the platform that is BEYOND Tomorrow, and on that note, the rich, discussion-filled Spring Program came to a close.

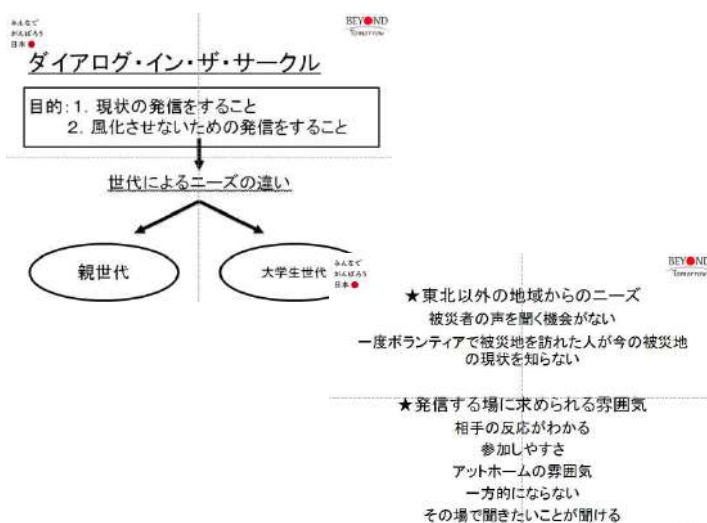
Student speeches:

Why is it important to continue to speak out about the disaster? Why are we here among our peers from Tohoku and having these discussions? After overcoming their concerns and hesitations, the students spoke their hearts out.



Presentations

The students were split across three themes - "Collaboration with businesses," "Activities arising from Tohoku," and "Dialogue-based activities" - created, and presented an action plan based on what they would like to pursue over the next year.



Closing words

Two years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake.

Compared to the time immediately after the disaster, the media buzz has died down significantly, and there are days when I wonder if memories are already starting to fade.

After the disaster, I swore to myself that I would give my all to the recovery efforts of my hometown. The past two years have taught me how difficult it is to realize that promise on my own, and at times I have found myself becoming impatient, sensing my helplessness.

It is during a time like this in which we have all received a great opportunity to gather here today to participate in BEYOND Tomorrow's program.

Looking back, I realized how my BEYOND Tomorrow peers have become family to me, and I couldn't wait to meet the new students joining us this year.

Over the course of four days and three nights, we discussed in great depth what we can do for our home, Tohoku.

I realized what a unique experience it is that we are having: using our common roots in Tohoku, having serious discussions with peers who have such high levels of awareness and dedication.

I now have a new dream to continue communicating to the world our heart-filled stories about the disaster - stories that we are uniquely equipped to tell.

Seeing the energy and spark in the younger students' eyes, I was reinvigorated to keep pursuing my vision for the future.

When I saw how the students from last year's program are like family to each other, I hoped that I, too, will be able to become as good friends with my peers here.

A new year begins this spring.

While each of us will pursue our own paths and dreams, we hope that we will remain strong friends who share a common ambition.

We make a promise here to keep walking forward together, lending a hand when times are tough, supporting each other to achieve our ambitious goals, and sticking together through thick and thin.

Spring Program Highlights

Reflection

“What is BEYOND Tomorrow?”

“Why do we still need to talk about the disaster?”

As the students reflected on the time they spent laughing and crying with their new-found friends, they asked themselves these questions. At BEYOND Tomorrow, they found the meaning of life at the lowest point in their life, an invaluable experience that they hope to convey to the next group of participants.

The Spring Program acted as a special place where students were able to reflect on how much they have learned and matured since the disaster.

“Working together to raise awareness about the disaster”

Before attending this program, I was worried that anything I said would be understood. But much to my surprise, my opinions were respected here. I was also extremely impressed by all the comments from other participants. Being around all these brilliant peers has inspired me to work hard to become as amazing as them. I realized that if we each express our different views on the disaster, we will be able to make a big difference.

Kaede Sakuma

(School of Art at Tohoku University of Art and Design, Ishinomaki Municipal Girl's Senior High School graduate)



“A place where everyone gets to shine”

The Spring Program 2013 was the most fun and most enriching one I have attended. In the past, I wondered if I was good enough to participate in BEYOND Tomorrow. But, after participating in this year's program, I've come to realize that everyone is supposed to be his or herself. I'm good enough just by being me. I feel like everyone is putting even more heart into the discussions this year than last year. I'm struck by how we can inspire each other through our different perspectives. My BEYOND Tomorrow peers never fail to amaze me. I've got to keep trucking forward; I don't want to fall behind!

Emi Funakoshi

(School of Culture, Media and Society, Waseda University, Miyako High School graduate)



“An environment that nurtures better awareness”

I feel that, just by being at BEYOND Tomorrow, I find my awareness increases. It's clear that in arriving at the program, each participant feels the responsibility of being a BEYOND Tomorrow student and appreciates one's own mission in being there. I'm extremely proud to be a BEYOND Tomorrow student

Ayaka Ogawa

(Leelanau School in the U.S., Otsuchi High School graduate)



“Transitioning from a receiver to a giver”

During my first year I participated in the program without much reflection, but participating this year I realized that with my peers, we are jointly making BEYOND Tomorrow what it is. There have been times when I asked myself how I am supposed to apply to my daily life all the things I have learned at BEYOND Tomorrow, and if we are all in fact moving towards fulfilling our mission as Tohoku citizens. But after participating in this year's Spring Program, I strongly feel that we have come together as one. From here on, I would like to be more proactive in making things happen.

Masahide Chiba

(Faculty of Engineering, Utsunomiya University, Ofunato High School graduate)



“Looking at the disaster as not a misfortune, but an opportunity”

My two big takeaways from BEYOND Tomorrow are the opportunity to meet peers who share aspiration and the realization that there are many people supporting us. Through this program, I learned that coming from Fukushima is not a sad thing; it is a huge opportunity.

Ena Kanno

(School of Commerce at Waseda University, Sukagawa Toyo High School graduate)





Participants

College Scholarship Program (New second-year students)



Yurie Imai (BEYOND Tomorrow/Masatada Kobayashi Specail Scholar)

Faculty of law, Keio University(Morioka First High School graduate)

Having experienced such an unparalleled catastrophic event due to the earthquake disaster, Yurie has strongly developed the desire to become a television announcer who can stand "side by side" with viewers while utilizing her compassion and empathy to give them encouragement. Yurie feels that the best way for young people to repay all those who have provided them with support is to become the future leaders of Japan and help ensure the revival of their beloved hometowns no matter how long it takes, and she would like to continue going on communicating to people about the disaster.



Minori Endo (BEYOND Tomorrow/Oki Matsumoto Special Scholar)

Faculty of Business Administration, Ishinomaki Senshu University (Ishinomakita High School graduate)

Minori lost her father and her house to the disaster, and though feeling deep despair she wanted for lots of people to be informed about the disaster, and took advantage of her experience as being the editor of a photography department to capture some of the images of the destruction left by the tsunami, sending them out through the media. As someone who experienced the disaster, Minori is motivated to communicate about the "now" of the disaster areas, and in the future she would like to engage in activities that enable her to continue to etch each moment of life into her heart without letting the current "now" get left behind in the past.



Sakae Onodera

School of Commerce, Waseda University (Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School graduate)

As a result of the disaster Sakae lost her home in Kesennuma. Although the disaster was dreadful Sakae would like to be able to see it as a positive turning point in her own life, and believes that along with her peers who experienced the disaster they should explore things they can do to help, and take positive action in the world in the spirit of "social contribution". In the future, her dream is to work for an international organization dealing with international development and nation building, as well as international business.



Eisuke Kato (BEYOND Tomorrow/Masatada Kobayashi Specail Scholar)

Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, Keio University (Torjo High School graduate)

Eisuke experienced the disaster in Kesennuma, and lost his home. The hotel managed by his parents was used as an evacuation center, and together with university student volunteers he participated in supporting victims of the disaster. Six months following the disaster, Eisuke participated in the Summer Davos Forum as a student representative for those affected in Tohoku, and communicated the circumstances in Tohoku to leaders from around the world. In the future, Eisuke would like to contribute to the recovery of Kesennuma and make use of his position as a victim of the disaster in order to carry out town planning which sufficiently takes into account the economic situation of people in similar circumstances to him.



Shota Kikuchi (BEYOND Tomorrow/Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Special Scholar)

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tohoku Gakuin University (Ofunato High School graduate)

When taking part in local volunteer activities following the disaster, Shota was really struck by the strength of Ofunato in the way the residents were getting going on working for recovery despite the recentness of this terrible event. In the future Shota would like to do a job that is "for the benefit of people", and he hopes to begin to materialize this dream while at university, proactively participating in various activities and not forgetting his experiences from the disaster.



Masahiro Kikuchi

School of Social and International Studies, Tsukuba University (Takada High School graduate)

Masahiro lost both his parents in Rikuzentakata. At high school Masahiro demonstrated exceptional leadership as the president of the student council, and after the disaster visited the United Nations headquarters in Europe as part of the 14th High School Peace Ambassador. Masahiro realized the importance of international cooperation after the disaster, and he believes that that communicating the importance of disaster prevention to the rest of the world is a future mission for Japan. In the future, Masahiro would like to lead the way for the recovery of the disaster areas. To address the tough financial situation for many people who lost their jobs, Masahiro wishes to contribute to the resolution of the employment problem.



Chisato Kuramoto (BEYOND Tomorrow/Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Special Scholar)

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Meiji Pharmaceutical University(Morioka First High School graduate)

Chisato lost her home in the disaster; however having seen how hard her mother and other local people are working for the recovery, she would also like to become able to do something to help. Through the disaster, Chisato came to appreciate the importance of the job that pharmacists do in dispensing essential drugs to protect people's health, which further strengthened Chisato's dream of becoming a pharmacist. In April she will go on to study Pharmaceutical Science at university. In the future Chisato would like to contribute to society utilizing the knowledge, experiences and thoughts of the various people she will meet in her new life.

Participants

College Scholarship Program (New second-year students)



Kokurin Saijo

Faculty of International Studies, Takushoku University (Kesennuma High School graduate)

Kokurin was born in Dalian in China, and moved to Minami Sanriku in Japan as a first year middle school student after her mother re-married. Following the disaster, firm in the belief that her home town is Minami Sanriku, she acquired Japanese citizenship. Through the disaster she realized the importance of education and information, and would like to establish an NPO to develop human resources in Africa and achieve the creation of a society that enables more children to fulfill their dreams through the dispersal of education in Africa's poorest regions. In addition to this, Kokurin would also like to be involved in activities that contribute to the recovery of her beloved hometown of Sanriku



Ko Sato (BEYOND Tomorrow/Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Special Scholar)

Faculty of Regional policy, Takasaki City University of Economics (Morioka First High School graduate)

Ko believes that the key to not forgetting about the disaster and its lessons is for survivors of the disaster to communicate their testimonies of such unprecedented destruction to many people, and would like to undertake the role of a "preacher" for the voices of those affected by the disaster. In the future Ko would like to play a role in helping with the revitalization of the area and stimulation of the local economy as part of the efforts to help the recovery of the tourism industry in Tohoku. Ko's dream is to study abroad while at university, expand his viewpoints, and ultimately become a leader with a global passion and effective communication skills.



Masahide Chiba

Faculty of Engineering, Utsunomiya University (Ofunato High School graduate)

Masahide was in Ofunato when the disaster struck. As a result of the tsunami, he lost his mother, grandmother and home. Masahide believes that it is his mission to plan towns that are safe from natural disasters and contribute to the future recovery because he survived the devastating disaster when so many lives were lost. Masahide would like to set up a company that carries out projects related with the disaster recovery, and would like to participate in the planning of towns along the Sanriku Coast which are resilient to damage from natural disasters.



Naomi Fukuda (BEYOND Tomorrow/Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Special Scholar)

School of Nursing, Miyagi University (Takada High School graduate)

Naomi experienced the disaster in Rikuzentakata, and lost her home. Her dream is to return to her hometown and place of birth of Rikuzentakata and work as a nurse who is able to protect the smiling faces of local people. Following the disaster there were moments where Naomi was on the verge of giving up on going to university, however eventually she resolved to go on to higher education due to her desire to see more of Japan and the world.



Shinpei Fujita

Faculty of Law, Kanagawa University (Kishine High School graduate)

Shinpei was exposed to the disaster in Kesennuma of Miyagi prefecture, however because of the destruction of his home he evacuated to Kanagawa prefecture where he attended high school separated from his family. Shinpei has been a keen swimmer for 13 years, and this has provided him with emotional support. Nine months after the disaster he competed in the National Athletics Meet in Yamaguchi prefecture as a representative for Miyagi, and achieved a personal best of 12th place. Shinpei's dream is to take part in the National Championship after he has started University, and to become the best swimmer in Japan. Shinpei would like to develop into a future leader for Tohoku, and in the future he would like to return to the Kesennuma area and launch a company with like minded people to help reduce the number of young people leaving the area.



Emi Funakoshi

School of Culture, Media and Society, Waseda University (Miyako High School graduate)

Emi lost her grandmother and an extended family member in the disaster. Following the disaster, thinking about what she could do to help and upon realizing the importance of access to information, Emi helped with the establishment of a local radio station Disaster FM as a volunteer staff member. From this experience she realized she would like to undertake a job such as being a television announcer that would enable her to have the opportunity to actually put into practice the sharing of information to encourage people to think about various problems. The disaster also led Emi to strongly feel affection for her home town of Miyako, and she would like to become an announcer who can broadcast widely on the situation in Tohoku and Miyako.



David Yuuga Mansfield

Faculty of Law, Waseda University (Sendai Ichiko High School graduate)

Due to his father working as a doctor in rural communities in India, David spent his younger years in India and had the experience of seeing people living in extreme poverty with no access to electricity or running water. With a developed country such as Japan having experienced very difficult circumstances in the wake of the disaster there was the creation of an opportunity to think about global policy, and David would like to tackle global problems from a perspective not limited to a single nation. In the future, David would like to qualify as a barrister at a graduate school in America, and contribute to tackling social problems from a legal framework.

Participants

College Scholarship Program (New second-year students)

Hiromi Meguro (BEYOND Tomorrow/Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Special Scholar)

Faculty of Community Service, Tohoku University of Community Service and Science (Soma Higashi High School graduate)

Hiromi was given a lift in the car of a passing stranger while running for her life from the rapidly encroaching tsunami, and it is thanks to this that she barely managed to escape unharmed. Her house was however destroyed, and her father lost his job. Having given up on her dream of attending a university specializing in music and having also considered going straight into employment, eventually Hiromi decided on a new goal of using this scholarship to go on to study town planning and local revitalization in order to contribute to the resources for Tohoku's recovery. Hiromi would like to give her utmost effort to helping the Tohoku disaster areas to recover quickly and would like to join forces with her peers to make sure towns in the disaster areas can become safe and pleasant places to live.



Tohoku Future fellows Program 2013 (Incoming first-year students)

Reo Ishikawa

Faculty of International Communication, Gunma Prefectural Women's University (Yumoto High School graduate)

Her house was completely destroyed, and her hometown suffered from discrimination due to the influence of the nuclear accident. In the midst of these challenging circumstances, however, the support being provided from around the world helped give her the mental and physical strength to pull through these difficulties. Through this experience, Reo decided she wanted to help people across the world in need of aid, and in the summer of 2012 she completed a short-term exchange at the University of California, Berkley. Following the disaster Reo experienced what it was like to go without a mains water supply for a prolonged period of time, leading her to also begin to appreciate the importance of water and develop a strong interest in problems with water supply in developing countries. In the future, Reo hopes to develop a career relating to the management of infrastructure in developing countries.



Ayaka Ogawa **Leelanau School in the U.S. (Otsuchi High School graduate)**

Ayaka lost her entire family to the tsunami, as well as the house she was born and raised in. As a result of a meeting with the U.S. Ambassador to Japan John Roos, and with the mindset that as the only member of her family to be spared she should live life to the fullest, Ayaka decided to pursue her long-standing interest in studying abroad. Having been gratefully provided with many opportunities since the disaster, she herself would like in future to also be able to provide chances and hope to other people. Ayaka aspires to one day become an internationally active fashion designer, and through the BEYOND Tomorrow High School Exchange Program is currently studying at a boarding school in Michigan, U.S. She expects to graduate in June 2013.



Ena Kanno **School of Commerce at Waseda University (Sukagawa Toyo High School graduate)**

Following the shock of the disaster Ena has experienced moments of feeling completely powerless, but he also feels that he has been able to develop a sense of gratitude and the determination to take action. In the summer of 2012 Ena did a short-term exchange at the University of California Berkley, during which time the entrepreneurial spirit of the U.S impressed him. He believes that the contribution young people can make to the recovery of the disaster areas can be achieved by fulfilling their dreams and becoming active members of the global society, as in doing so new energy can be generated for the Tohoku region. Ena has resolved to establish a business in the IT field, an area in which he has had a lasting prior interest. He hopes to create a service that through the medium of the internet can have a significant impact on the real world.



Aoi Kitada **Faculty of Medical Technology at Teikyo University (Kamaishi High School graduate)**

Aoi lost her grandfather in the tsunami, and her house was completely destroyed. Inspired by the nurses who stayed with her grandfather in hospital till the end and by her mother who continued to work in an old people's home even in the immediate aftermath of the disaster, Aoi would like to become a nurse in order to pay back those who helped by making a contribution to society. She plans to go on to university with the aim of becoming a nurse capable of also managing the mental aspects that are associated with alleviating illness. Aoi feels that the drop in numbers of home-visit nurses that occurred after the disaster in her hometown of Otsuchi is an issue, and so at university she would like to research the links between home-visit nursing and disaster nursing with a view to becoming a front-runner in the nursing field in future.



Takuya Kimura **College of arts and sciences at The University of Tokyo (Morioka First High School graduate)**

On seeing the dramatic change to the town of Yuriage on the coast of Natori, a landscape so familiar to him, Takuya experienced a profound sense of loss that led him to start thinking about how to contribute to the recovery. At an event held by the company employing his father for supporting the disaster areas, he was exposed to the strength of determination of those working for fishing cooperatives in moving forward, and decided he would like to help in supporting people with such ways of thinking. His ambitions for the future are to set up a company, supporting the recovery in local areas as well as stimulating the development of the economy in the whole of the Tohoku region. In addition to being involved in the development of the mountain and sea-based local produce food industry in Tohoku, Takuya also hopes to become someone able to play a role in the overhaul and improvement of the social welfare system, so that individuals who have moved away from the areas feel more inclined to come back.



Participants

Tohoku Future fellows Program 2013 (Incoming first-year students)



Ryuji Kokuta Faculty of Law at Tohoku University (Kesennuma High School graduate)

Following the disaster, Ryuji carried on living in his local area of Kesennuma even as lifelines such as electricity and water mains experienced prolonged disruption, with everyone in the area cooperating to borrow and share items, disperse information and keep public order. As the momentum for recovery in the area gradually increased, he saw first hand how things that were insurmountable for an individual could be achieved as a group, and he began to realize the necessity of cooperation for the recovery in post-disaster regions. Knowing that the abandonment of local areas by young people is a setback for recovery, Ryuji would like to establish a company in the fishing industry in order to contribute to the growth of prosperity in his hometown of Kesennuma.



Kaede Sakuma

School of Art at Tohoku University of Art and Design (Ishinomaki Municipal Girl's Senior High School graduate)

Kaede lost her beloved mother in the tsunami. Immediately following the disaster and while in the midst of despair, help arrived from both within Japan and overseas, leading her to feel grateful for being able to live relatively comfortably and to a strong feeling of wanting to repay those who provided this help. On visiting a disaster-prevention center in Russia Kaede was able to meet with the relief team that helped the disaster areas, but she was struck by the difficulty she experienced in communicating and conveying her true thoughts and feelings. After returning home from Russia, she began thinking about how she wanted another chance to properly communicate her feelings to the outside world. Kaede would like to go on to study liberal arts, and hopes to play a role in carrying on the discussion about the disaster by one day putting together a book based on interviews of peoples' experiences and thoughts regarding the disaster.



Saya Sasaki Faculty of Letters and Education at Ochanomizu University (Takata Senior High School graduate)

Saya's house was completely destroyed by the tsunami, and she also lost friends and a former teacher. The experience of the disaster has led her to believe that it is the responsibility of young people to now step up to the mark, and take personal responsibility instead of simply believing someone else will do it. During the post-disaster period she also became more aware of some of the issues concerning the position and roles of women in society, and this has spurred her to want to pursue a career as a journalist promoting the voice of women. After the disaster Saya was selected as a high school peace ambassador, resulting in a visit to Switzerland. There she had chance to speak with internationally active women from the World YWCA, further inspiring her to aim to become a female journalist active at a global scale.



Kazuki Sato Faculty of Arts and Letters at Tohoku university (Sendai Daini High School graduate)

Kazuki was struck by the great extent of the damage despite the stories and tales that had been passed down over generations of the damage that could be caused by earthquakes and tsunami. He believes that if such tales had included more correct information and people hadn't had such a poor awareness, the immense scale of damage might have been preventable. This experience has led Kazuki to think about how learning from the past can provide important guidance for the future, and his ambition is now to conduct research in the humanities and to find ways to effectively utilize history's lessons in society. Kazuki was also involved in a Japan-China exchange event as a middle-school student whereby he made a visit to China, and so he would also like to build on this experience in future by studying and cultivating a global perspective.



Shin Sato School of Medicine at Iwate Medical University (Ofunato High School graduate)

In the disaster Shin lost a childhood friend, as well as his house. Despite this however, he feels he also gained the opportunity to feel grateful for the connections and support between people. As a result of this experience, Shin strongly felt the importance of local communities, and worrying about the endurance of community bonds in the Tohoku area has led him to want his own generation to take responsibility for creating a sense of unity in local areas. Shin has long-aspired to become a doctor and work for Doctors Without Borders, but through the disaster he became aware of the problem of a lack of medical professionals in the area, both in the immediate aftermath of the disaster and in the present ongoing situation where there is a dependence on doctors from outside the prefecture. This has led to him wanting to contribute to the local medical infrastructure by establishing his own general medical practice in the area. He therefore hopes to go on to medical school and train to become a doctor.



Ayumi Takahashi

Faculty of English Studies at Sophia University (Sendai Shirayuri Gakuen High School graduate)

At the time of the disaster Ayumi was studying abroad in Canada. When she described the damage done to her hometown her school began fundraising activities, and in addition to being moved by this positive response she also realized the importance of personally engaging in proactive communication. After returning to Japan, she participated in volunteer activities in Minami Sanriku, and made speeches on the current situation in the Tohoku disaster areas and the significance of volunteer activities based on this experience at two English language speech contests, where she was selected as a finalist. In the future Ayumi would like to work for the Japan External Trade Organization, assisting with building systems for development and facilitating mutual support between Japan and other countries.

Participants

Tohoku Future fellows Program 2013 (Incoming first-year students)



Aoi Tamura

Faculty of Administration and Social Sciences at Fukushima University (Soma High School graduate)

Aoi lost a friend to the tsunami, and in experiencing the complete halt of all her lifelines came to strongly realize that there were many ordinary things she had taken for granted. This led her to think about the large numbers of people around the world for whom basic needs are not assured, and spurred her to want to play a role in contributing to solving global problems which threaten many lives, such as poverty and conflict. In addition to this, Aoi's exposure to the media attention given to the disaster has led her to develop a strong interest in legal systems and politics. She therefore hopes to study law and politics at university, and in the future wants to become someone able to help people living in areas of the world where basic needs are not assured.



Hayoung Paiku **Faculty of Arts and Letters at Tohoku University (Aizu Gakuho High School graduate)**

While Aizu did not suffer any significant damage, Hayon was prompted to think about what she could do to help as someone who loves Fukushima Prefecture and has had fortunate circumstances. After the disaster she made a visit to Korea, where she lived until the age of six, and in being exposed to the opinion in her original homeland regarding the nuclear disaster she became aware of some of the information disparities and differing values between the two countries. At university Hayon would like to study literature, and hopes to be able to play a role in strengthening the bridge between Japan and Korea by touching peoples hearts, while also communicating more widely about Japan and about information relating to the disaster. It is her dream to be able to commit herself to improving the relationship between Japan and Korea.

High School Study Abroad Program



Sayaka Sugawara **(BEYOND Tomorrow/Robert Alan Feldman Special Scholar)**

Leysin American School in Switzerland (Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School graduate)

Sayaka experienced the disaster in Ishinomaki, and lost her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to the tsunami. Six months after the disaster she participated in the Summer Davos Forum held in China, and communicated her experiences to global leaders. In future, Sayaka would like to work for a cause helping children who have had similar traumatic experiences to her own, as well as doing international volunteering to help repay the countries that supported Japan after the disaster. She started her new life at Leysin American School in Switzerland in April 2012

Choir Lyrics

ハジマリノウタ～遠い空澄んで～

遠くに見えた街並み いつの日にか誓った景色と同じ
怯えて立てなくなっても 涙に滲む明日を教えてくれる

君からもらった言葉 僕の生きる意味を照らしてくれた
「もう少し強くなれたら…」なんて思ってみても仕方ないよ

「夢の途中」そう気付いたら なんだかちょっと楽になって
答えなど無くていいんだよ 僕の頬は少し朱に染まる

遠く見えた空は澄んでいて 泡沫の日々に迷わんとした
揺るぎないこの胸の真ん中の想いを託して 想いを信じて
僕はただ明日を見て歩こう たとえそこに願い届かずとも
変わらないあの日の言葉だけを この手に抱えて この手に抱えて

君とね 出逢ったことが見えなくなった場所を示してくれた
そうして解り合えたよ 僕も君も同じ弱さを持ってる

どうしてなんだ?みんな抱えてる怖さや不安を隠したりして
「強くない」ってそう言い切ったら 暗く濁った闇に灯り灯る

伝えたいことが溢れてきて あの空の向こうへ流れてゆく
ぎこちない言葉でしかないけど 今伝えたくて 今届けたくて

連綿とゆく時間の中で 僕は確かにここで呼吸(いき)をする
柔らかい陽の光を浴びれば また目を覚まして また歩き出せる

僕が生きた「証」を残そう それをいつの日か「夢」と名付けよう
つつましくも意味の在る「証」を 意味在る「夢」だと 確かな「夢」だと

僕は「今」を信じて歩こう たとえそこに祈り叶わずとも
生まれゆく全ての言葉たちを この手に抱えて この手に抱えて

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About BEYOND Tomorrow



Summary

The Global Fund for Educational Assistance was founded by leaders active in diverse fields, such as politics, administration, business, NGOs, and media. BEYOND Tomorrow is a project established to nurture the young victims of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami to become global leaders by offering comprehensive support and mentorship. In order to develop future leaders from the affected regions, BEYOND Tomorrow has hosted the Summer Davos Junior Leaders Program in September 2011, the Tohoku Future Leaders Summit in October 2011, and the TOMODACHI Summer 2012 BEYOND Tomorrow U.S. Program in August 2012. Additionally, BEYOND Tomorrow offers opportunities for students at various ages. The “BEYOND Tomorrow Scholarship Program” and “BEYOND Tomorrow Tohoku Future Fellows Program 2013”, which entail both scholarship and leadership development components, target students entering university, whereas the “High School Study Abroad Program” is intended for high school students to gain an overseas boarding school experience.

Characteristics

The program is intended to help highly motivated students achieve their dreams and gain a global perspective by offering support of not only financial means but also of dialogue and mentorship. We aim to nurture empathetic leaders who, by overcoming adversity, are able to actively contribute to society.

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1. Scholarship Programs

It is precisely because they have experienced the tragedy of the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami that these young people can contribute to the world, to Japan, and to the recovery of Tohoku. We strongly believe that these students have the innate qualities of future leaders, and as such, we are providing scholarship support towards their education.

- BEYOND Tomorrow College Scholarship Program
- BEYOND Tomorrow Tohoku Future Fellows Program 2013
- BEYOND Tomorrow High School Study Abroad Program

2. Leadership Programs

For students who aspire to be leaders from Tohoku, we offer leadership programs for them to develop in character and maturity, and to broaden their perspectives. The programs reach beyond borders and take place globally, in Japan, and in the affected regions. We aim to have the students grow into globally-minded and empathetic leaders who will be the catalysts of social improvement.



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