

<Kizuna Concert in Otsuchi 2013>

On March 17th, 2013, "Kizuna Concert in Otsuchi 2013" was held in Shiroyama Gymnasium in Otsuchi, Iwate. This is the sequel to the concert held in Okayama and Hiroshima in March 2012. When the first concert was held last spring, Otsuchi High School brass band and Shujitsu High School brass band exchanged music sessions, and built new friendship. AMDA High School Club took part in organizing the concert in Okayama. The high school students had promised then that they will visit Otsuchi in the future. After a year-long planning, their dream came true.

Shujitsu High School Brass Band members before departure



After their arrival in Otsuchi, Iwate.



AMDA High School Club members helped in the back stage, setting up the venue and receiving guests. They also gave a presentation during the concert about their activity for the audience. Otsuchi High School and Shujitsu High School took turns in playing their music. Finally, they joined together on stage and played as one. The gymnasium was filled with tears and laughter, and the concert was a great success.

AMDA High School Club members preparing the hand-made decoration for the concert.



AMDA High School Club members preparing for the concert.



High school brass band in session.



The concert was a big success!



As part of AMDA's Three-Year Program of Supporting Tohoku's Recovery, AMDA continues to provide scholarship for the high school students studying to become medical professionals in the future. AMDA provides 180,000 yen per year (or 15,000 yen per month) to each student. Through the generous donation from AMDA's supporters, we were able to provide 101 students our scholarship. Overall number of recipients is now 125. In March 2013, 47 students graduated from high schools to step forward to the next level of their studies.

Details of the Scholarship recipients

Future Profession	number of students
Medical Doctor	9
Pharmacist	7
Nurse	33
Mid wife	1
Health worker	2
radiation technologist	2
physical therapist	15
care worker	3
clinical psychotherapist	1
Nursing teacher	2
Others	24
TOTAL	101

<Voice of the scholarship recipient>

My goal in the future is to become a clinical psychotherapist. During my junior high school years, I had trouble with friends and that kept me from going to school. From that experience, I started to think I want to become a clinical psychotherapist to help the people with the same distress.

When I was not going to school because of the trouble I had with friends, I was reluctant to receive counseling. When I can achieve my goal in the future and become a clinical psychotherapist, I sincerely hope I can take part in changing the stream in society where children can access to counseling sessions more easily.

Earlier this year, a temporary staff sent from other municipal government office to Otsuchi, suffered from depression and committed suicide. When I heard the news, I realized the counseling has not sunk in here. There are constant news on suicides. This is what I want to contribute to change; the society where you don't have to suffer all alone, but have someone who can listen to your problems. I promise that I will study hard to achieve my dream, and only then, I feel like I can make a small change where young generation can have easy access to counseling.

AMDA continues to give support to the next generation of Tohoku. Thank you to all your generous supports!