

On March 11, 2011, at 2:46 p.m., a magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck off the coast of Sanriku. This caused Futaba Town to experience strong shaking equivalent to seismic intensity 6+.

Houses collapsed and roads were damaged. Significant damage occurred.

At around 3:30 p.m. that same day, a massive tsunami struck Futaba Town, claiming 21 lives. The waves reached heights of up to 16.5 meters.

Furthermore, the nuclear disaster exacerbated the suffering of residents who were already worn down by the fury of nature.

Severe accidents occurred at the Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, including core damage and hydrogen explosions. As a result, all 7,140 residents of Futaba Town were forced to evacuate their hometown for the long term, leaving with heavy hearts.

On 30 August 2022, evacuation orders were lifted for parts of the town. Building upon the traditions and culture inherited from our forebears, we are taking steps to recover and revitalise our hometown, striving to overcome the unprecedented hardships of this compound disaster.

We must never forget the devastation caused by this unprecedented disaster, nor the lessons we learned from it.

We erect this monument to honor the victims and strengthen the bonds among our townspeople. We solemnly pledge to build a new history for our hometown of Futaba.

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