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“Japan As One’ Work Project”

～Outline of the Measures Taken in the 3rd Stage of the Project, as decided by the Conference on the Promotion of Employment Support and Job Creation for Disaster Victims～

The “Conference on the Promotion of Employment Support and Job Creation for Disaster Victims” (Chaired by Yoshio Maki, Vice-Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare) was established with the purpose of formulating comprehensive countermeasures across the ministries and of strongly promoting employment support and job creation for the disaster victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Through the Conference, the government has held discussions numerous times on the countermeasures to support the disaster victims’ work and livelihood.

The government has promoted measures outlined in the phases 1 and 2 of the “Japan As One’ Work Project” as countermeasures against employment during the restoration stage, which has resulted in the job placement of over 64,000 people in the disaster-hit 3 prefectures. This press release is to announce that, in order to further promote creation of long-term, stable jobs, Phase 3 of the Project has been compiled, financed by the third supplementary budget for fiscal 2011 and the tax system reform.

With the compilation of the Phase 3 of the “Japan As One’ Work Project,” a total of 580,000 people’s jobs are expected to be generated and supported. The employment support and job creation will be steadily promoted based on the project.

【General Points of the “Japan as One’ Work Project,” Phase 3】

<Budget Measures to support employment recovery>

- ① Job creation through the revival and reconstruction of the local economy and industries
 - Support for companies by paying subsidies for the establishment of enterprises in Japan and for the reconstruction of small-and-medium enterprises (SMEs)
 - Support for agriculture, forestry, and fishery industries, and community-building through the promotion of an integrated community care system, etc.
- ② Integrated support for industrial development and employment
 - The creation of a “Comprehensive Program for Employment Recovery in Disaster-hit Areas”
 - The establishment of measures concerning corporate taxes in conjunction with the creation of the special reconstruction district
- ③ Training of personnel who contribute to reconstruction and support for placement of people in stable jobs
 - Expansion of public vocational training in the industrial and growth areas contributing to the reconstruction of the affected areas.
 - Advancement and reinforcement of support provided by Hello Works (Public Employment Security Offices), including the improvement of support for new graduates
 - Extension of the payment of employment insurance benefits (for 90 days) (implemented since October 1st)

<The impact of the job creation and support expected under Phase 3>

**Total: 6.1 trillion yen Around 580,000 people’s jobs are created and supported
(Around 500,000 people’s jobs are generated) Around 70,000 people’s employment is supported)**



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“Japan as One” Work Project, Phase 3 ~Japan will together support your work and livelihood~

(The 3rd step of the Conference on the Promotion of Employment Support and Job Creation for Disaster Victims)

Budget measures to support employment recovery

※ Measures, implemented under Phases 1 and 2, to secure temporary employment and provide support for stable livelihood will continue to be strongly promoted.

Job creation through the revival and reconstruction of the local economy and industries
(5.7 trillion yen; jobs to be created for 350,000 people)

Integrated support for industrial development and employment
(0.4 trillion yen; jobs to be created for 150,000 people)

Training of personnel who contribute to reconstruction and support for placing disaster victims in stable jobs
(100 billion yen; 70,000 people’s employment is supported.)

◎ Entrepreneurial support

- Establishment of a subsidy program for the construction of the production bases for component and raw materials and growth areas
- Continuation and expansion of financial support for small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- Expansion of the scope for disaster restoration work, to include common facilities including SME unions.

○ Business sophistication and the establishment of knowledge and innovation bases

- Promotion of the concept of the Special Reconstruction Zone for the creation of innovative medical devices

◎ Support for agriculture, forestry, and fishery industries

- Early recovery and reinforcement of agricultural land and facilities, sea ports and the function of fishing grounds
- Improved support for the resumption of agriculture, forestry, and fishery businesses and promotion of the sixth industry
- Establishment of sustainable forestry management

○ Support for tourism industry

- Dissemination of information for the prevention of harmful rumor and strengthening of tourism campaigns
- Establishment of a new tourism style through Sanriku Fukko

(Reconstruction) National Park (tentative name) project.

◎ Community-building by promoting an integrated community care system

- Reconstruction of an integrated community care-system
- Construction of bases to support children by a community
- Recovery of “Kizuna (connections with people)” based on social inclusion

◎ Establishment of the Great East Japan Earthquake Subsidy

◎ Promotion of infrastructure improvement through disaster recovery and reconstruction

◎ Promotion of environment and new energy projects

- Promotion of the introduction of facilities using woody biomass
- Improvement of research development bases for the renewable energy

○ Utilization of ICT

○ Measures against damages brought by the nuclear power plant accident (promotion of a decontamination project)

◎ Promotion of comprehensive employment recovery in the affected areas

- ① Promotion of reconstruction, sophistication, and new establishment of businesses
- ② A project to provide them with employment support (**Business Reconstruction Type Employment Creation Project**) is created for businesses expected to be the key in creating employment in the affected areas in the future and hiring disaster victims, in line with an industrial policy, such as stated in ①.
- ③ Establishment of a project (**an employment creation project characterized by lifelong commitment to work, employee involvement, and generational transfer**) in which the local government commissions private companies to implement a project which can be a model for employment

○ Expansion of the Job Creation Fund for employment creation

◎ Measures related to corporate taxes in relation to the setting up of the Special Reconstruction Zone System (tentative name)

- Establishment of a tax system to promote the establishment of new companies by making newly established companies free of taxation for 5 years
- Exemption of a certain amount of corporate taxes from disaster victims’ salaries

○ Employment creation and support for job placement based on the strategy of diversifying agricultural management

◎ Promotion of training

- Expansion of public vocational training in the areas contributing to the reconstruction of the affected areas and of growth.
- Support for local SMEs’ training
- Training of experts responsible for the recovery and reconstruction of the affected areas in cooperation with the community and industry including professional training colleges

◎ Improvement and strengthening of support through Hello Work

- Improved support for new graduates
- Improved support for job placement for persons with disabilities
- Expansion of the Subsidy for Disaster Victims’ Employment Development
- Reinforcement of the function and system of Hello Works in the affected areas

○ Securing proper working conditions and prevention of industrial accident in the reconstruction work

◎ Extension of the payment of employment insurance benefits

- 90-day extension implemented in the coastal areas of the affected 3 prefectures of Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima

Employment created and supported for about 580,000 people in Phase 3
A total of 6.1 trillion yen (Jobs created for about 500,000 people and employment supported for about 70,000 people.)