

Supporting Working People With Disabilities in Tohoku Presentation of the “Monozukuri Support Fund for People With Disabilities”

A presentation ceremony at a Support Center for Working People With Disabilities, newly opened with help from the Fund

On April 12th (Thursday), the AEON 1% Club Foundation presented the “Monozukuri Support Fund for People With Disabilities” at the “Katatsumuri” Support Center for Working People With Disabilities in Ofunato City, Iwate Prefecture.

The Monozukuri Support Fund for People With Disabilities collected donations at around 8,000 locations between 10th February (Saturday) and 11th March (Sunday), with the cooperation of Aeon Group companies.

The collection of JPY20,195,257 from public donations was matched by the same amount from this Foundation, to make a total of JPY40,390,514, which was presented to AAR Japan (Association for Aid and Relief, Japan). The donation was forwarded to work support centers for people with disabilities in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures. The centers will use the funding to provide equipments to raise production efficiency, to develop new products, to support sales events, and in other ways that serve efforts to further the independence and social participation of people with disabilities.

This was the fifth collection drive for the fund’s activities, which began in 2013 to provide the Tohoku region with recovery support and stimulus. The total amount of donations, including the presented amount, was JPY167,739,564.

This foundation will continue working with people throughout Japan to advance efforts for the restoration of Tohoku.

Donation ceremony for the “Monozukuri Support Fund for People With Disabilities”

1. Date: April 12th (Thursday), 2018, 14:00-15:00
2. Place: “Katatsumuri” (type B workplace to support work continuation)
Nakaizawa 97-1, Ikawacho, Ofunato City, Iwate Prefecture
Katatsumuri is a workplace newly opened last year with help from the Fund
3. Donation recipient: AAR Japan (Association for Aid and Relief, Japan, a certified NPO)
4. Donation value: JPY40,390,514
Content: Collection: JPY20,195,257
This Foundation: JPY20,195,257
5. Attendees: Ofunato City assembly member Takashi Miura
Ofunato City Welfare Department, Community Welfare Section, Mamoru Mikami
Non-profit general incorporated association Katatsumuri managing director Tomofumi Onishi
AAR Japan Secretary General Yoshiteru Horie
AEON 1% Club Foundation Chairman Hiroshi Yokoo
6. Support content: Expansion of production equipments, support for sales events, and other uses at work support centers for people with disabilities in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures.

Commemorative photograph with workers at Katatsumuri



People who select tomatoes for shipping



AAR Japan was founded in 1979 in Japan, as a public foundation to assist refugees from Indochina. To date, it has assisted victims of natural disasters and refugees from conflicts in over 60 countries and regions, as well as supporting people with disabilities, land mine countermeasures, and other measures.