

# Overview of Koriyama City

Koriyama City is located in the center of Fukushima Prefecture, surrounded by its beautiful and mellow nature with the Abukuma Mountain Range extending in the east, magnificent Mt. Adatarara of the Ou Mountain Range viewed in the north, and Lake Inawashiro spreading in the west. Further, the City has marked well-balance development of agriculture, commerce, and industry as a key place in the high speed transportation, which became the first core city in Tohoku in April 1997.



While playing a central role as the financial capital of Fukushima Prefecture, on the cultural side, the City is renowned for its music activities such as chorus and instrumental music. The City issued the “Music City Declaration” in March 2008 and has established “Vienna of Tohoku: Music City Koriyama”.

On the other hand, however, Koriyama City was severely affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the accident at the Tokyo Electric Company Fukushima No. 1 Nuclear Power Plant in March 2011. Since then, aiming to restore the pre-quake living with safety and security, the City government, citizens, various organizations/groups, etc. have been collectively working on accelerating the post-disaster recovery and reconstruction.

## 1. History of Activities

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|----------------|---|
| January 2014   | Visited the Japan Institution for Safe Communities (JISC)   |
| February 2014  | Participated in Symposium on Creating Safe & Secure City (held in Chichibu City, Saitama Prefecture)  |
| April 2014     | Assigned dedicated staff in Citizens’ Safety Section of Citizens Division   |
| July 2014      | Participated in a seminar on Safe Community sponsored by JISC (held in Kyoto City)  |
| September 2014 | Held a training workshop with Dr. Yoko Shiraishi (JISC) for city government staff, city councilors, and persons from related organizations.   |
| October 2014   | Set up the Safe Community Promotion Office in Citizens’ Safety Section of Citizens Division<br>Participated in the Safe Community Forum in Sakae Ward of Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture |
| November 2014  | Held in the Safe Community Symposium in Koriyama City<br>Announcement of launching Safe Community programs was made by the mayor  |

## 2. Population Composition

Total population 324,374 (Male 159,037 / Female 165,337)

As of Jan. 1 2014

| By age | Total  | Male   | Female | By age       | Total          | Male           | Female         |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0-4    | 13,073 | 6,751  | 6,322  | 55-59        | 22,225         | 11,088         | 11,137         |
| 5-9    | 14,117 | 7,237  | 6,880  | 60-64        | 24,888         | 12,251         | 12,637         |
| 10-14  | 16,125 | 8,234  | 7,891  | 65-69        | 19,778         | 9,675          | 10,103         |
| 15-19  | 17,073 | 8,738  | 8,335  | 70-74        | 16,552         | 7,759          | 8,793          |
| 20-24  | 16,830 | 8,666  | 8,164  | 75-79        | 14,002         | 5,936          | 8,066          |
| 25-29  | 18,886 | 9,739  | 9,147  | 80-84        | 11,501         | 4,352          | 7,149          |
| 30-34  | 19,963 | 10,343 | 9,620  | 85-89        | 7,142          | 2,330          | 4,812          |
| 35-39  | 22,995 | 11,885 | 11,110 | 90-94        | 2,779          | 643            | 2,136          |
| 40-44  | 23,293 | 12,010 | 11,283 | 95-99        | 692            | 141            | 551            |
| 45-49  | 21,019 | 10,503 | 10,516 | ≥100         | 98             | 15             | 83             |
| 50-54  | 21,343 | 10,741 | 10,602 | <b>Total</b> | <b>324,374</b> | <b>159,037</b> | <b>165,337</b> |

## 3. Causes of Death (Source: 2012 Demographic Statistics)

### (1) Major causes of death (Total: 3,120 cases)

|     |  |           |      |                                   |           |
|-----|--|-----------|------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st | Malignant neoplasm                               | 899 cases | 6th  | Unintentional accidents           | 100 cases |
| 2nd | Cardiac disease (excluding hypertensive disease) | 561 cases | 7th  | Suicide                           | 70 cases  |
| 3rd | Pneumonia  | 263 cases | 8th  | Kidney failure                    | 60 cases  |
| 4th | Cerebrovascular disease                          | 261 cases | 9th  | Aortic aneurysm/aortic dissection | 45 cases  |
| 5th | Senile decay                                     | 129 cases | 10th | Liver disease                     | 42 cases  |

\*Unintentional accidents include traffic accidents (20 cases).

### (2) Causes of events and accidents (total: 192 cases)

|     |                               |          |     |  |          |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------|-----|--|----------|
| 1st | Suicide                       | 70 cases | 6th | Unintentional drowning and near-drowning | 15 cases |
| 2nd | Unintentional suffocation     | 33 cases | 7th | Tumbling and falling                     | 8 cases  |
| 3rd | Other extrinsic causes        | 21 cases | 8th | Exposure to smoke and fire               | 5 cases  |
| 4th | Traffic accidents             | 20 cases | 9th | Poisoning by harmful substances          | 1 case   |
| 5th | Other unintentional accidents | 18 cases | 9th | Murder                                   | 1 case   |

## 4. Preventive Measures and Activities

### (1) Preventive measures and activities against external injury (by age group)

#### 0 to 14 years old

| Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.       | Collaboration with city government, etc.  |
|--|---|
| Health education and related consultation              | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Nursery school, kindergarten  |
| Promotion of physical strength improvement             | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school  |
| Appointment of school counselor, etc.                  | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school  |
| Traffic safety class                                   | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Nursery school, kindergarten  |
| Safety check and safety measures for school route      | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Police station, Road administrator, Traffic Safety Association, Mother club for Safe Traffic, PTA |
| Distribution of crime prevention buzzer                | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school  |
| “Kodomo110 Ban no Ie” (Emergency shelter for children) | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Crime Prevention Association, PTA   |
| “Kodomo Mimamori-tai” (Patrol activity for children)   | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Crime Prevention Association, PTA, Federation of neighborhood association                         |
| Drug abuse prevention class                            | City government, Elementary school  |

#### 15 to 64 years old

| Name of prevention measures and activities, etc. | Collaboration with city government, etc.   |
|--|--|
| Promotion of universal design                    | City government, Citizens' activity organization, Business operators   |
| Consumer affairs consultation                    | City government  |
| Health education and related consultation        | City government  |
| Comprehensive disaster-prevention drill          | City government, Fire- Fighting Headquarters, Volunteer fire corps, Police station, Federation of neighborhood association |

#### 65 years old and above

| Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.                | Collaboration with city government, etc.           |
|---|--|
| Health education and related consultation                       | City government                                    |
| In-home livelihood support                                      | City government, Elderly human resources center    |
| Securing of job opportunities                                   | City government, Elderly human resources center    |
| Emergency call system   | City government                                    |
| Project to improve functions of sports equipment                | City government, Area Comprehensive Support Center |
| Project for oral function improvement and nutrition improvement | City government, Area Comprehensive Support Center |
| Support of voluntary retain of driver's license                 | City government, Police Station                    |
| PR activity for traffic safety for the elderly                  | City government                                    |

## **(2) Preventive measures and activities of external injury in the living environment**

### **Toward safety and security at home**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b> | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>                      |
|---|--|
| Promotion of universal design                           | City government, Citizens' activity organization, Business operators |
| Consumer affairs consultation                           | City government  |
| Radioactive decontamination                             | City government, Japanese government, Prefectural government         |

### **Toward safety and security when going out or travelling**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b>                      | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>  |
|--|--|
| Traffic safety class   | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Nursery school, kindergarten                                 |
| Street campaign for traffic safety   | City government, Traffic safety association, Safe Driving Supervisors Association, Mother club for Safe Traffic, PTA |
| Safety check and measures for school route                                   | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Police station, Road administrator, PTA                      |
| Road maintenance and management of school route                              | City government, Police station, Road administrator  |
| Preparation of radiation level map of school route                           | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school   |
| Traffic jam measures   | City government, Police station  |
| Appointment of guardians to prevent abandoned bicycles, etc. around stations | City government  |
| Radioactive decontamination  | City government, Japanese government, Prefectural government   |

### **Toward safety and security of work place**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b>                  | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b> |
|--|---|
| Labor consultation   | City government                                 |
| Support of workplace childcare facility                                  | City government                                 |
| Fire prevention training, development of self-defense fire-fighting team | Fire- Fighting Headquarters                     |

### **Toward safety and security of school, etc.**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b> | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>        |
|---|--|
| Regional patrol support                                 | City government, Crime Prevention Association          |
| Appointment of school counselor, etc.                   | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school |
| Radioactive decontamination                             | City government  |

### **Toward safety and security in leisure activities (culture, sports, leisure, etc.)**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b> | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>  |
|---|--|
| Installation and rent of AED                            | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, High school, Medical institution |
| Maintenance of indoor-sports facilities                 | City government  |

### **(3) Preventive Measures and Activities against External Injury Caused by Intentional Factors**

#### **Prevention of criminal damages**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b>            | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>  |
|--|--|
| Protection/guidance activities for youth and environmental cleanup | City government, Protection/guidance officers group  |
| Distribution of crime prevention buzzer                            | City government  |
| Installation of security lights and security camera                | City government, Road administrator, Federal of Neighborhood Community Association, Shopping street federation |
| Patrol activity by Blue Patrol Car                                 | City government, Police station  |
| Support to community patrol activity                               | City government, Crime Prevention Association  |
| Transmission of security mail                                      | Prefectural Police Headquarters  |

#### **Prevention of violence damages**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b>       | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>                        |
|---|--|
| Promotion of boys/girls support team                          | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school, Police station |
| Awareness-raising for prevention of bullying, etc.            | City government, Elementary school, Junior high school                 |
| Awareness-raising for prevention of child abuse               | City government  |
| Consultation on DV, etc. and temporary aid service            | City government  |
| Support for elderly abuse prevention                          | City government, Area Comprehensive Support Center                     |
| Support for disabled person abuse prevention                  | City government  |
| Awareness-raising for “Violence Elimination City Declaration” | City government, Police station, Business community                    |

#### **Prevention of suicide**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b>                              | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>    |
|--|--|
| Suicide Prevention Week, Awareness rising in Suicide Prevention, reinforcement Month | City government                                    |
| Gate keeper training seminar   | City government                                    |
| Home-visit consultation for prevention of shut-in, depression, etc.                  | City government, Area Comprehensive Support Center |

### **(4) Preventive Measures and Activities of Other External Injuries**

#### **Prevention of disaster damages**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b>                         | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>   |
|---|---|
| Comprehensive disaster prevention drill   | City government, Fire-fighting headquarters, Volunteer fire corps, Police station, Federation of neighborhood association |
| Fire Prevention Campaign  | City government, Fire-fighting headquarters, Volunteer fire corps   |
| Information transmission of disaster and fire fighting                          | City government, Fire-fighting headquarters   |
| Activity of voluntary disaster prevention organization and volunteer fire corps | City government, Voluntary disaster prevention organization, Volunteer fire corps   |
| Support of disaster victims   | City government   |
| Preparation and distribution of disaster hazard map                             | City government   |
| Disaster prevention experience for parents & children                           | City government   |
| Boys and Girls Fire Club (BFC)  | Fire-fighting headquarters, Elementary school   |
| Preparation of stock pile for disaster  | City government   |

#### **Dissemination of emergency measures**

| <b>Name of prevention measures and activities, etc.</b> | <b>Collaboration with city government, etc.</b>  |
|---|--|
| Installation or rent of AED                             | City government, Elementary school and junior high school High school, Medical institution |
| Life-saving seminar, General life-saving seminar        | City government, Fire-fighting headquarters  |

## **5. Community Organization to Improve Safety for Residents**

### **<Traffic safety, disaster prevention, crime prevention>**

Federation of Neighborhood Association  
Federation of Chuo Neighborhood Association  
Probation Officer Group  
Traffic Safety Association  
Mother club for Safe Traffic  
Volunteer fire corps  
Federation of Crime Prevention Association  
Liaison Committee of Voluntary Disaster Prevention Group  
Protection/Guidance Officer Association

### **<Health, welfare, living environment>**

Council of Social Welfare, Social Welfare Corporation  
Welfare/Children Commissioner Council  
Area Comprehensive Support Center  
Regional Women's Organization Council

### **<Education, Culture, Human rights>**

Youth Healthy Upbringing Council  
Liaison Council of Children Organization Development  
Council for Members of Promotion Committee to Create Pleasant City  
Amateur Sports Association  
PTA association