

A Message from the Mayor

Concerning the Successful Suppression of the Attari Area Forest Fires in Akasakicho

Firstly, I would like to express my deepest condolences for those who have lost their lives or loved ones on account of the recent forest fires, as well as those who have had their homes or property damaged or destroyed. We of Ofunato are greatly saddened by this recent disaster, and offer our sincerest prayers to those who have been affected by the fires.

With the help of the Self-Defense Forces and the Aerial Disaster Prevention Forces, as well as the Ofunato fire department, the city firefighting team, and emergency firefighting teams dispatched from both within and without our prefecture, the Attari area forest fires were successfully suppressed at 5 p.m. on March 9th, 2025.

The fires first began on the 26th of February and quickly grew by the day, forcing many people to evacuate their homes and live in disaster relief centers for these last few weeks. I would like to express my deepest sympathy for those who were suddenly met by this disaster and who surely suffered a great deal during this time, as well as to all of those around the city who were threatened and thrust into a state of anxiety by the disaster.

We will be cooperating with both the national and prefectural governments in order to return a normal state of life to our city as soon as possible. We will continue to support everyone who has suffered from this disaster, and we will also be working with our disaster prevention departments in remaining alert and vigilant of such disasters in the future. We thank you for your perseverance in these difficult times.

Mayor of Ofunato

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