

Iwaki 3.11 Memorial and Revitalisation Museum

The Usuiso district of Iwaki, which was devastated by the tsunami that struck the city on 11 March 2011, is now home to a new facility that aims to preserve the memories and lessons learnt from the Great East Japan Earthquake so that they can be passed down to future generations.



Exhibition Room: The wall displays are arranged in a chronological sequence from the left side to the right side of the room, beginning with the initial impact of the triple disaster, followed by the process of recovery and concluding with an outline of the current state of revitalisation (Each section has an English explanation which can be accessed by scanning the QR Codes displayed on the wall). Videos of the 2011 tsunami recorded by Iwaki residents are played on the large screen in the centre of the room.



Relics of the Disaster: This blackboard was recovered from the former Toyoma Junior High School before it was demolished due to extensive tsunami damage. The blackboard is covered with farewell messages from graduating students.



Touchscreen Panels: These touchscreen panels offer a range of games and quizzes that are ideal for teaching children about the importance of disaster awareness.



Hands-On Displays: These include various emergency supplies, including food and other items that you should prepare in the event of a disaster.



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Other Features: The facility also includes a set of virtual reality goggles where you can experience a simulated tour inside the former Toyoma Junior High School before it was demolished. Occasionally, members of the local community will make presentations, recalling their experiences during 3.11 so that others can hear a first-hand account of the disaster (inquire with the facility to confirm when the presentations will take place).

Address: 3-11 Usuiso, Iwaki City

Website: <https://memorial-iwaki.com/>

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Admission: Free

Open Hours: 9am-5pm (Last Entry at 4:30pm)

Closed: Mondays, New Year's Holidays

(Closed Tuesdays if Monday falls on a public holiday)