

The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum

Fukushima Prefecture
(The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum)



**Situation
(background, aims,
etc.)**

A facility that shares with both domestic and overseas audiences, the records and lessons of the complex disaster involving an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that Fukushima Prefecture has experienced, as well as its path to recovery, so that these lessons can be passed on to future generations.

**Details (project
outline, etc.)**

The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum is located in Futaba Town, Fukushima Prefecture, and opened on 20 September, 2020. Since then, more than 300,000 people have visited the museum (as of the end of July 2024).

The permanent collection room is divided into the six sections of 'Prologue Theatre', 'Zone 1: The Beginning of the Compound Disaster', 'Zone 2: Immediate Response to the Nuclear Accident', 'Zone 3: The Voices of Fukushima', 'Zone 4: The Long-term Impact of the Nuclear Disaster' and 'Zone 5: Striving for Revitalization'. Moving through the zones, visitors can learn in chronological order about life before the Great East Japan Earthquake, the vivid scenes immediately after the disaster, and Fukushima's recovery efforts among long-term evacuations and negative rumours. In addition, 'Storyteller talks' are held four times a day, where visitors can listen to talks by local disaster victims.

**Results (features and
innovations, future
developments, etc.)**

The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum is located 4 km north of the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, in an area that has experienced the earthquake, tsunami, and evacuation due to the Great East Japan Earthquake and nuclear power plant accident. This museum's special feature is that visitors can see, hear and feel for themselves the damage caused by this unprecedented disaster, as well as the current state of the recovery.
