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The "miracle pine tree" of Rikuzentakata, Iwate Prefecture, withstands a snowstorm. (Shingo Kuzutani in The Asahi Shimbun, February 01, 2012, <http://bit.ly/1g3RBUN>)

One Day Consulate Office, March 30 (Sunday)

The Japanese Consulate General in Boston will be offering a "One day Consulate Office" at the JASV office on Sunday, March 30, from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM. This visit provides a very helpful and convenient way for Japanese citizens to conduct official business such as passport renewal, resident evidence, etc, as well as chat with the Consule General. The necessary forms are available from the JCGB's website at

<http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ja/CONSULAR/Ryojigyomu/Passport/passport.html>

(short address: <http://j.mp/1hhYBNt>)

Upcoming events related to the Tohoku Tsunami of 3/2011

The following events related to the Tohoku Tsunami of 3/2011 are occurring in the Burlington area:

March 8th (Saturday) 7:00pm at Spotlight Vermont Studio 3, So San Remo Drive, So Burlington,

"Benefit Concert for Children in Fukushima" - More information <http://j.mp/1iaqQBm>

March 11th (Tuesday) 7:00pm at St Michael's College, The Roy Event Center

"Japan and Fukushima since 3.11, 2011" - More information <http://j.mp/1iaq4V3>

March 13 (Thursday) 4:00pm at UVM, Lafayette Hall L207

"Japan since 3/11" - More information <http://j.mp/1iarwGU>

Tsunami - Three Years After

Although most of the debris from the earthquake and tsunami has been cleared, reconstruction and resettlement are in the very early stages; the nuclear meltdown and its consequences is still unfolding with impacts on local agriculture and national policy.

There are several ways to learn more about 3/11 recovery efforts. One is with a google search - just searching for the term "tsunami three years after" brings up the latest stories.

More depth coverage of personal and political aspects of the disaster can be found at the Asahi Shimbun 0311 disaster site: <http://ajw.asahi.com/category/0311disaster/>

An overview series of articles has been published by the journal Japan Focus: 3.11 + 3: Special Issue on Japan's Triple Disaster Three Years On, Edited by Paul Jobin and David McNeill, The Asia-Pacific Journal, Vol. 12, Issue 7, No. 2, February 17, 2014. This article can be found in the journal's website <http://www.japanfocus.org/>; a shortened URL to article is <http://conta.cc/1fODPXy> .

Note: The "miracle pine tree" of Rikuzentakata

The Rikuzentakata's "miracle pine tree" was the only one left standing among 70,000 that were knocked down by the 2011 March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The pine tree survived until the fall of 2012, eventually succumbing to environmental damage. It has been replaced by a monument to those who perished in the earthquake and tsunami. There are numerous articles on this pine tree, the following by Sara Malm from The Telegraph is

Sara Malm, The miracle pine: Tree that survived 2011 Japanese tsunami before dying six months ago is rebuilt as monument to 19,000 victims of the disaster, The Telegraph (UK), 11 March 2013. <http://dailym.ai/1nk9d0F>