

LSD Action for HigashiNIHON invites 33 people from Ishinomaki to Japanese Road Race Championships in Hachiman-taira

LSD Action for HigashiNIHON* hosted a tour designed for kids & families still living in evacuation center on 2011/06/25 - 26. The event is backed up by the fund raised at charity auction in Milan- Sanremo last year to support victims of the 3.11 earthquake & tsunami in Japan. The tour aimed to 1. Relieve kids & families by having fun, 2. Entertain kids & families and let them know about the world of cycle road race & who we are (cyclists & fans of cycle road race who supports you in all over the world), and 3. Spend money to support local business (Hachiman-taira's local business is also economically damaged by the earthquake and its side effects).

On June 25, 18 kids who are member of local kids association for sports and 15 of their parents departed from the elementary school where they temporarily resided in and moved to Hachiman-taira Resort Hotel. At the hotel, kids & families enjoyed buffet-style dinner, spa and nature- rich surrounding of the hotel. They seldom went out to outside of the devastated city area so the tour became the breath-freshing opportunity especially for the kids. On the next day, June 26, they watched 14th All Japan Road Race Cycling Championships. It was the first time for them to see cycle road race and they were excited about number of road bikes, motor bikes, cars, spectators and the atmosphere. After the race finish, they communicated with racers such as Takashi Miyazawa (Farnese Vini-Neri Sottoli), Ukyo Katayama (Alpinist, former Formula 1 driver). They learned about cycle road race and spirit of being pro-athlete.

The tour was reported in the article about the race on local newspaper, IWATE Nippo on June 27 (photo copy attached below).

* LSD Action for HigashiNIHON is the association organized by cyclists including Japanese pros and top amateurs after the 3.11 earthquake to help people in Higashi-NIHON (eastern part of Japan where most impacted area is included). LSD stands for Long-Slow-Distance and the name intends to do support activity not only short-term but also long-lasting and sustainable way.

Tour summary

(The tour is)planned & organized by Akiko Kawachi (LSD Action for HigashiNIHON), Peaceboat Japan (NGO)

Supported by Takashi Miyazawa, Ukyo Katayama, and Daisuke Yano
Sponsored by ACO

Cost

Total 466,950 JPY (4376 Euro)

- Coach: 189,000 JPY (1771 Euro)
- Lodging: 241,650 JPY (2265 Euro)
- Food & Drink: 36,300 JPY (340 Euro)

Photos



Ukyo Katayama (center, with team jersey) & the kids



Ukyo explained about the cycle road race



Miyazawa with the kids



Miyazawa shows his bike to the kids.

▼被災地の小学生を招待
出場選手らの支援で、東日本
大震災で被災した宮城県石巻
市の小学生が招待された。
前回覇者で欧州のプロレー
スにも参戦する宮沢崇史選手
(ファルネーゼ ヴィーニ
ネーリソットリMチッポリー
ニ)が呼び掛け、3月のイタ

リアのロードレース「ミラノ
くサンレモ」に出場したトッ
プ選手のジャージを慈善オ
ークション。益金などで小学
生や親たち34人を招いた。
自転車レースを初観戦した
板橋裕斗君(鹿妻小6年)は
「あんなに激しいレースに
なると思わなかった。面白

かった」と満喫した様子だっ
た。
宮沢選手は「復興には時間
がかかるが、絶対あきらめな
いこと」と子どもたちを激励。
「被災地への気持ちを形で表
したかった。自転車を通じて
できることを積み重ねていき
たい」と復興を願った。