



Japanese Disaster Relief Fund  
**BOSTON**



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**The Japanese Disaster Relief Fund Boston (JDRFB) to  
Announce conclusion of operation and  
Host final report on Tohoku, Japan after the March 11, 2011 disaster**

BOSTON, MA – March 1, 2013 – The Japanese Disaster Relief Fund Boston (JDRFB) will host an evening of appreciation and a final report of its two-year operation on Tohoku. The event, ***JDRFB Final Report on Tohoku***, will be held at The Boston Foundation on Monday, March 11, 2013. Created immediately after the disaster as a local vehicle for giving aid to those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, JDRFB is a collaboration among the three New England organizations: The Boston Foundation, The Fish Family Foundation and The Japan Society of Boston. Since then, thanks to overwhelming generosity and fundraising support from New England’s Japanese communities and beyond, it raised nearly \$1 million for its grantmaking effort to support immediate and intermediate relief work. Marking the second anniversary of the disaster, JDRFB will thank its donors and supporters for their generosity and give a final report on its two-year work, accompanied with a briefing on Tohoku “Beyond 3.11” by Shun Kanda, Director of The MIT Japan 3/11 Initiative, and a film screening of “Live Your Dream: The Taylor Anderson Story” by Director Regge Life.

**WHEN:**

4:00pm - 7:00pm, Monday, March 11, 2013

**4:00PM - 4:30PM** Speaking Program/Final Reporting by JDRFB

**4:30PM - 4:45PM** "BEYOND 3.11" - a special briefing by Shun Kanda, MIT Department of Architecture/Director: MIT Japan 3.11 Initiative

**4:45PM - 6:10PM** Film Screening - "Live Your Dream: The Taylor Anderson Story" - a documentary film by Director Regge Life

**6:10PM - 7:00PM** Reception (Light refreshments + Soft drinks)

**WHERE:**

The Boston Foundation

10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 75 Arlington Street, Boston ([Map](#))

**WHO:**

Akira Muto, Consul General of Japan in Boston

Atsuko Toko Fish, Trustee of The Fish Family Foundation/Co-Founder of JDRFB

Kate Guedj, Vice President for Development and Donor Services

Peter Grilli, President of The Japan Society of Boston/Co-Founder of JDRFB

Shun Kanda, MIT Department of Architecture/Director of the MIT Japan 3.11 Initiative  
Regge Life, Producer/Director and President at Lifecycle Productions Inc.

**ADMISSION:**

Free

**EVENT INFO.:**

<http://jdrfb.squarespace.com/events/>

**\*\*\*PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERA CREWS ENCOURAGED TO COVER\*\*\***

***About The Japanese Disaster Relief Fund Boston***

*The Japanese Disaster Relief Fund – Boston (JDRFB) was created as a local vehicle for giving to aid those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.*

*Launched with a leadership gift of \$100,000 from the Fish Family Foundation, the JDRFB grew to include The Boston Foundation and The Japan Society of Boston. This unique collaboration, marked by expertise in grant making and networks on the ground in Japan, was positioned to make direct impact grants to organizations and communities in Tohoku.*

***About Shun Kanda, MIT Department of Architecture/Director: MIT Japan 3.11 Initiative***

*MIT Japan 3.11 Initiative was launched in March 2011 by the Office of the President, MIT. The Initiative is based in the MIT Center for International Studies & the MIT Japan Program. Its activities have been enabled by the generous funding of the MIT Community of Faculty & Students, the Japanese Disaster Relief Fund-Boston, and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership.*

***About Live Your Dream: The Taylor Anderson Story***

*This inspirational film, “Live Your Dream: The Taylor Anderson Story,” tells the story of a young woman living her dream and inspire viewers to seize the moment and chase their own dreams. Taylor Anderson was the first confirmed American casualty of the March 11, 2011 tsunami in Japan. As part of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, Taylor spent two years teaching English to kindergarten, lower school and junior high school students in the coastal city of Ishinomaki. She was last seen helping and assuring her students after the March 11 earthquake.*

***About filmmaker Regge Life***

*Producer/Director and President at Lifecycle Productions Inc. Regge Life produced his first work in Japan, STRUGGLE AND SUCCESS: The African American Experience in Japan, in 1992. Since then, he enthusiastically continues to produce films that capture realities and lives of being Americans in Japan. His works received nationwide recognitions in both the US and Japan.*

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