

### **The KIZUNA (Bond) Project:**

#### **Invitation Projects from MALAYSIA conducted by JICE (Batch 3)**

From February 25 to March 6, 2013, 98 Malaysian participants visited to Hirono Town in IWATE Prefecture.

Fortunately, the town did not suffer human casualties in the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011. However, the fishing industry, the town's key industry, has been devastated by the damage to the fishing grounds and facilities.

Through the use of panels of pictures taken before and after the earthquake, the visiting group viewed the districts where buildings were badly damaged, and studied the functions of the seawalls that prevented human damage.



Two INTEJ students, Mohd Aidilfarez and Siti Maryam, were selected to be part of this project.

#### **Students' Testimonials:**

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I had learned a lot of things from this Kizuna program. What is the most exciting and amazing is when I know that there are no human casualties at all in the Hirono town. That is because of some factors such as have breakwater, good communication system and volunteer firefighter units.

Even though this town is not fully recovered, the residents of this town work hard on it and only a few that not still recovered. What an impressive discover! I hope I can transmit all the information that I had gained from here to all the people in the world especially Malaysians. I will share my experiences to all my friends and together we will support Hirono town for its recovery.

Lastly, I really really hope that Hirono town will be a peace town forever together with the kind and caring people of Hirono town.