

- Works to demolish houses and other buildings and decontamination work have commenced in all of the six towns and villages (Futaba Town, Okuma Town, Namie Town, Tomioka Town, Iitate Village and Katsurao Village). Works have been completed for station squares, kindergartens, gymnasiums and other public facilities. Efforts to restore the environment are thus steadily progressing.
- Ahead of the full reopening of the Japan Railway (JR) Joban Line on March 14, 2020, evacuation orders were lifted partially for some of the Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base Areas (on March 4 for Futaba Town, on March 5 for Okuma Town, and on March 10 for Tomioka Town) in advance of other areas.
- In Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base Areas, **decontamination has been completed for over 70%, and the demolition of houses and other buildings has been completed for approximately 79% out of the total number of applications** (as of the end of December 2020).



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When the Prime Minister approves Reconstruction and Revitalization Plans of Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base Areas in Restricted Areas made by the relevant municipalities, the demolition of houses and other buildings, decontamination work, development of infrastructure, etc. are conducted in an integrated manner in those areas.

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is now carrying out the demolition of houses and other buildings and decontamination work in all Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base Areas of Futaba Town, Okuma Town, Namie Town, Tomioka Town, Iitate Village and Katsurao Village based on their plans. Ahead of the full reopening of the JR Joban Line in March 2020, evacuation orders were lifted for some parts around Yonomori Station, Ono Station and Futaba Station among Specified Reconstruction and Revitalization Base Areas in advance of other areas.

At present, toward the lifting of evacuation orders for the entirety of respective areas, the demolition of houses and other buildings and decontamination work are being intensively promoted. As of the end of December 2020, decontamination has been completed for over 70% and the demolition of houses and other buildings has been completed for approximately 79% out of the total number of applications. Specified waste from demolished houses and other buildings is to be buried after volume reduction for disposal at the controlled disposal site managed by the Futaba Regional Municipal Association (Clean Center Futaba), and MOE, the Association and Fukushima Prefectural Government concluded the basic agreement thereon in August 2019.

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