

# Miyagi Prefectural Assembly News

## The 366th Miyagi Prefectural Assembly (November 2018 Regular Session)

### 1. Session

November 26, 2018 (Mon.) to December 17, 2018 (Fri.), 22 days

### 2. Outline

The 366th Miyagi Prefectural Assembly (November regular session) was held over a period of 22 days from November 26 to December 17, 2018. A total of 60 bills were approved in their original forms, including the supplementary budget bill to add approximately 261 hundred million JPY to the FY 2018 general account budget. During the session, assembly member, SATO Koki, was elected to succeed the former chairman, NAKAJIMA Motoharu.

The general inquiries included productive discussions regarding support for disaster victims and industrial development.

### 3. Bills Voted On

#### (1) Motions: 3

“Ordinance to amend a part of the regulations regarding the fixed number and electoral constituency of prefectural assembly members, and fixed line-up of prefectural assembly members in various constituencies”

“Miyagi prefectural ordinance to promote countermeasures preventing instances of bullying”

#### (2) Proposals: 4

“Proposal requesting a stronger implementation of countermeasures against natural disasters”

“Proposal requesting to recommence commercial whaling”

“Proposal requesting promotion of policies dealing with dementia”

#### (3) Bills Submitted by the Governor: 53

FY 2018 Miyagi Prefecture General Account Supplementary Budget

Ordinance to amend a part of the departmental system, etc.

#### (4) Petitions: 2

“Regarding reinforcing subsidies for private high schools and such schools” (approved)

“Regarding the expansion of subsidies for private schools” (approved)

### 4. Summary of General Inquiries Made During the Assembly

#### (1) Regarding projects supporting victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake

Monitoring of those living in temporary housing by staff that support home life, and health consultations by public health nurses, which utilize funds from the disaster Victim Comprehensive Support Subsidy, are extremely important. Starting with lifestyle and health, support is needed for the rebuilding of the local community, and the prefecture will therefore strongly request continued financial support from the national government.

#### (2) Regarding local tourism using Miyagi Olle

Carrying out tourism ventures in a wide scope of areas provides an important perspective. The prefecture will cooperate with several regions and groups to provide various routes and encourage travel companies to develop travel commodities.

- (3) Regarding countermeasures concerning typhoons and heavy rainfall damage as well as an establishment of a sediment ordinance

With regard to river bank development in Miyagi inland areas, the national government is scheduled to conclude the enforcement of emergency measures such as repairs around the rivers and sediment control, within an intensive period of 3 years. The prefecture will unequivocally secure the budget for emergency countermeasures and strongly request the necessary budget for river repair work, including the reconstruction budget.

The prefecture is considering the establishment of a sediment ordinance which centers around the prevention of collapse.

- (4) Regarding the establishment of seed ordinance

With regard to a stable supply of affordable, quality seeds, the prefecture will be responsible for this, as well as for establishing guidelines and requirements for Miyagi seeds. Due to the fact that there are also prefectures that are making new ordinances relating to this and many of the assembly members have similar questions on the matter, the governor has been instructed to consider this. Once staff have considered the above, we wish to announce a new policy.

- (5) Regarding countermeasures that use SNS to prevent bullying

There are municipalities already implementing these measures with results. The Miyagi Prefecture Board of Education will consider implementing the measures at an early stage.

## 5. Regarding the committee

During the regular session in November, the assembly-run committees and permanent committees were recognized, and the 5 special committees below were established.

- (1) Earthquake Disaster Recovery Special Committee
- (2) Sports Promotion Special Committee
- (3) Industrial Talent Acquisition Countermeasures Special Committee
- (4) Comprehensive Tourism Strategy Special Committee
- (5) Disabled Persons Welfare Special Committee