

A documentary film by Yuka Kanno

「きょうを守る」 (Kyo o mamoru)  
(Protecting Today)

- Voices from Rikuzen-Takata -  
After the Tsunami on March 11, 2011



**7 pm on April 13, 2012**  
**WTHR 200**  
**Free admission, open to public**

**After the screening, Ms. Yuka Kanno will join in a question-and-answer session via Skype from Japan. Five Purdue students will also give a presentation on their recent trip to the areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami.**

"Kyo-o mamoru" (2011) depicts the lives of people who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011. In order to record their lives after the earthquake, Ms. Kanno interviewed people in her hometown, including her mother, her childhood classmates, and their parents. This documentary film turned out to be unique and effective as she was able to bring out insights that only a person who shared the same experience could do. The film was first presented at Yamanashi Film Festival in 2011, and it has been shown throughout Japan. This is the world premiere of the film outside Japan.

Ms. Yuka Kanno is from Rikuzen-takata in Iwate. She is currently a junior at Yamanashi Prefectural University. Her home was destroyed by the tsunami. She also lost three friends who had been her classmates in junior high school.

**The subtitle project**

The English subtitles for this film were created by over sixty students in Japanese language classes at twelve different schools in the United States. The project leader is Professor Kazumi Hatasa. Professor Atsushi Fukada provided technical assistance. The URL of the project home page is as follows.

<http://tell.fl.purdue.edu/hatasa/protect-today/>

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