

## New basic philosophy of Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark made in union with local residents and government officers.

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1. Revision of a basic philosophy's of The Council of Unzen Volcanic Area Geopark.

The basic philosophy of Geopark is to share the vision of our area with local residents, government officers and academics. Geopark activities are to protect and prevent local resources through local sustainable development. The basic philosophy should be easy to understand and to agree for local residents.

Its philosophy was made by The Council of Unzen Volcanic Area Geopark in 2010 led by local Geopark stakeholders. But, Geopark Programme became the official programme of UNESCO in 2015 and its programme was necessary to contribute and pursue the UNESCO philosophy.

The Council of Unzen Volcanic Area Geopark formulated the new basic philosophy of Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark in November in 2018 with local residents and government officers to contribute to achieve the philosophy of UNESCO Global Geopark. This is the process how our geopark made the philosophy and showed it to public.

2. The way to consider a new basic philosophy and the flow of workshop with government officers.

I started the project team, which was consisted of Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark members and government officers such as the Ministry of the Environment, Nagasaki Prefecture, 3 cities of Shimabara Peninsula (Shimabara, Unzen and Minamishimabara). The project meeting was held 4 times titled "how we build Shimabara Peninsula in the future", and we share each idea by Affinity diagram with the team and group similar ideas which were shared.

As a result, the new basic philosophy was made: "Sustain our beautiful home town and local geo-heritages more and forever".

3. The new basic philosophy sent to local residents

Approximately 230 wide range of local residents including high school students joined the "Japan Geopark authorization 10th anniversary commemoration symposium of Shimabara Peninsula" and have a dialogue to review last 10 year geopark activities and about our future of Shimabara Peninsula. The opinion from participants of the symposium and from project team had in common. The new basic philosophy, as a result, became the one which reflected from local residents' opinions. The new basic philosophy was announced to local residents as declaration of the symposium at the venue.

4. Our outlook to achieve the new basic philosophy.

It is a task how we pursue the philosophy. for that, we would like to enlarge the number of our fellows to work with us to protect and prevent local resources through local sustainable development.

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