Report on *Hakusanroku Project* at the School of Policy Studies, Kwansei Gakuin University

-To support the policy role of Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark-

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The Geopark radical purpose is a local authorization program to push forward sustainable development, which is promotion such as the maintenance of the geological feature inheritance, education or the sightseeing. In the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark, it is said to be the symbol of the merger of 1-city 2-town 5-village and takes role of the policy, which is by appointing the whole Hakusan City in the Geopark. Our the *Hakusanroku project* team held a workshop that invited a primary schoolchild from the whole city on the geo-site of the foot of a mountain part in 2012 and 2013. In this workshop, we worked on the creation of the opportunity when primary schoolchildren harmonized across the boundary of the former local government. The primary schoolchild who participated observed the life actual situation of the heavy snowfall area in Shiramine district, and Tyugu pavilion which could learn nature of Mt. Hakusan. In addition, the primary schoolchild cooperated and manufactured a poster and the wall newspaper of the Geopark. On the other hand, this program have a problem that how we create a civic sense of unity of the wide generation. Then the team focused on “The journey of water bringing up the lives” which is the theme of Geopark. That means, the snowmelt of Mt. Hakusan goes to city plains from Tedori Canyon, and after it goes to Sea of Japan. Then the water comes back to Mt. Hakusan as snow again. This cycle is considered as a key point to foster citizen’s sense of unity because this cycle, “the journey of water”, supports all citizens. In 2014, the team suggested that low head hydro power using domestic water as a revitalization of the foot of mountain. In 2015, they incubate the event of environmental education for children in elementary school which supply an opportunity to learn how to make a generator using a plastic bottle and waste wood. After make it up, they held light-up event with the generators and showed citizens in Hakusan City receive benefit from “The journey of water bringing up the lives”. This event could get more than 300 attendance. In 2016, the person in charge of Hakusan City’s sightseeing culture Geopark promotion room, the representative inhabitant who lives in the event site, and students of *Hakusanroku project* team gathered and talked about project of the previous year, and project plan of 2017. In this year, we are going to restore the waterwheel which was stopped using by 20 years and enlighten the favor of “the journey of the water” through power generation by using the water mill. This poster will publish mainly about the possibility of supporting the political role of Geopark by students belong to faculty of policy management through report of the *Hakusanroku project*.

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