Prototype training program of the human resource development for volcanic disaster management officers at Mt Fuji

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The disaster management officers will change their working section each 2 to 3 year in Japan. If they respond appropriately to volcanic disasters, they need specialized knowledge compared to other natural disasters. However, they have to learn the knowledge of taking over from former officer when they start to work at the new section. We feel the need for a training program of human resource development that can respond accurately to volcanic eruption. We created a prototype training program based on interviews with the related organizations, and tried it in January 2017 at the northern foot of Mt. Fuji. The contents of the program consist of the lecture of volcanic eruption and disaster, actual eruption disaster responses and disaster prevention plan, and Disaster Imagination Game with a world cafe method. Finally, we carried out a questionnaire. As a result of the questionnaire, the people wish to take a training regularly, and they hope to attend such course once or twice per year. Especially they prefer to have it in the spring when they change the working section. We need to provide the lecture of volcano information released from the Japan Meteorological Agency and public information to residents as a future issue.

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