

# 第2回日本ジオパーク全国大会2011洞爺湖有珠山大会に関する報告

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## Report on the 2nd Japanese Geoparks Network Conference 2011 in Toya-Usu Global Geopark

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The Second Japanese Geoparks Network Conference 2011 in Toya-Usu Global Geopark (abbr. JGN2) was held in the resort city Toyako-Onsen, Toyako-cho, Hokkaido, Japan during September 29 through October 1, 2011. This was the great challenging opportunity for the Toya Caldera and Usu Volcano Global Geopark (abbr. TUGG) to summarize the state of the art of the past 3 years efforts since the TUGG certification (one of the three first GGNs in Japan) in 2009.

Learning from the previous pioneering first JGN1 in Itoigawa Global Geopark in 2010, the Organizing Committee (chaired by T. Maya, the Toyako-cho Mayor) established the Executive Committee of JGN2 led by the Chairman S. Mimatsu, and three Sub-Committees (Science SC led by N. Oshima, Welcome SC led by M. Ano, and Geotour SC led by Y. Ogawa).

Various programs were executed prior as well as during the JGN2. Detailed descriptions can be examined in the final "Report of the 2nd Japanese Geoparks Network Conference 2011 in Toya-Usu Global Geopark" (JGN2 Executive Committee, 87p., 2012).

第2回日本ジオパークネットワーク大会(JGN2)が、2011年9月29日から10月1日に、観光都市である洞爺湖温泉で開催された。日本の世界ジオパーク第一号指定を受けた洞爺湖有珠山世界ジオパークの地にとりて、これは2009年の指定以後の3年間のジオパーク活動の総括と、再審査を控える今後への重要なステップとなるものであった。

2010年第一回大会糸魚川を手本とし、更なる発展を目指して、真屋敏春洞爺湖町長を組織委員長、三松三朗氏を実行委員長として、科学・学術、おもてなし、ジオツアーの専門部会の元で、様々な企画に取り組んだ。関連イベントなどの企画の詳細は、88ページに及ぶ「第2回日本ジオパーク全国大会洞爺湖有珠山大会報告書」や、ホームページなどを参考にされたい。



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### The 2nd Japanese Geoparks Network Conference 2011 in Toya-Usu Global Geopark



Main events were consist of (a) 4 Section Meetings (1. Geoparks and Tourism, 2. Geoparks and Geohazards, 3. Geoparks and Education, and 4. Geoparks and Guides), (b) 4 Pre- and 4 Post Geotours, (c) Poster Session (86 posters), (d) Photo Exhibition, (e) Kids Programs (geo-festival and kids geotour), (f) Symposium (lectures by H. Okada and N. Oshima, Convenor M. Watanabe), (g) Invited Special Lecture by S. Kuramoto and Discussions (K. Ito, S. Mimatsu with S.K.) and (h) various JGN business meetings. 671 individuals were participated during the conference, and 800 for main event (symposium and lectures).

Early last year, we Japanese experienced awful natural disaster, the East Japan Tsunami Hazard on March 11, 2011, so, we offered a moment of silent prayer for the victims at the Opening Ceremony, and various considerations were placed through the program. In conclusion, in the final "Toyako-Usuzan Declaration" in October 30, 2011, we emphasized (a) further sustainable development through geo-tourism, (b) hazard mitigation efforts through educational activity, (c) creating safety culture on the basis of historical efforts, and (d) collaboration and further development of GGN/JGN.

大会期間中の主な企画は、①観光、防災、教育、ガイドの4分科会、②事前・事後各4コースの見学会、③ポスターセッション(86課題)、④写真展、⑤子供企画(キッズフェスティバルとキッズツアー)、⑥基調講演とパネル、⑦會本聴氏の特別講演と鼎談(會本、三松、伊藤)、⑧JGN関連会議、などである。会議への参加者は671名、特別講演会などへの参加は800名だった。

閉会にあたり、洞爺湖有珠山日本ジオパーク大会宣言が承認された。宣言では、ユネスコが掲げる「地球と人との関わり」、「大地との共生」、「持続可能な地域社会の形成」などの理念のもとで、ジオパークが社会に果たす重要な役割を認識し、以下の4点の推進を誓った。①ジオツーリズムを通じて、産業振興と雇用の拡大による持続可能な地域社会を形成します。②教育活動を通じて、防災意識と環境配慮意識を高めます。③自然と共生してきた先人の教訓を伝承し、国内外の安全文化の構築に貢献します。④国内外のジオパークと連携し、ジオパークの取り組みの発展と拡大を目指す。

### Toyako-Usuzan Declaration 2011

We express our deepest regrets for those who passed away by the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster on March 11, 2011 and show our deepest sympathies for those who still continue to struggle daily toward the disaster recovery. Both this unprecedented disaster and the eruption of Mt. Shin-moedake in Kirishima Geopark, Kyushu since January, 2011 firmly reminded us that such movements are a part of the power of the planet Earth we humans live on and that natural phenomenon such as earthquakes, tsunamis, eruptions, and typhoons are an inevitable part of our life.

We are pleased hosting the Second Japanese National Geoparks Network Conference between September 29 and October 1, 2011 in our Toya Caldera and Usu Volcano Global Geopark area, where we had experienced four eruptions during the twentieth century. Those worked in various Geoparks all over Japan and the many interested attendants gathered on the conference. The main theme was "Creating sustainable tourism through geotourism - living together with the changing planet earth in harmony." The convention discussed the progress made in Japanese Geoparks thus far and the significance of and future perspective visions of Japanese Geoparks.

We strongly felt that all participants are ready to leave the conference, feeling that Geoparks are really important resources that should be used for further sustainable development of the areas and human resources, and for effective educational tools those give us ability to understand better and live on the earth with harmony. All gained a renewed understanding of Japanese Geoparks with proud that the scenic landscapes, geology, and geological phenomenon all over Japan reflect their historical context and a valuable heritage of the earth's dramatic activity, so we should pass on those treasures to our future generations.

The Global Geoparks Network, supported by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), stands on the fundamental concepts of the relationship between the earth and humans, coexistence with the earth, and the creation of sustainable development of the communities. We believe these principles represent precisely the ideals that Japan should work together towards.

As Japanese Geoparks, founded as a specified nonprofit organization approved officially by the National Government, our activities should be dedicated to the long-term future of our planet even over coming one hundred years or one thousand years, and we acknowledge the important roles Geoparks play further in Japanese societies. Today, we declare the following items:

- To create a sustainable development of communities with adequate economical and man power resources through geotourism.
- To increase awareness of environmental impact and knowledge of natural hazards through various educational activities.
- To understand the historical lessons of our ancestors had been experienced in their long life through the changing environments and contributed to the creation of our precious culture both nationally and internationally.
- To develop and expand various further activities of Geoparks by cooperating closely among the national and international Geoparks.

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Second Japanese Geoparks Network Conference 2011 – in Toya-Usu Global Geopark Organizing Committee Chairman and Toyako Town Mayor - Toshiharu Maya