

ACTIVITY INTRODUCTION OF TOYA-USU VOLCANO MEISTERS

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1. About

Mt.Usu is an active volcano and erupts every 30 - 50year. Recent eruption was in 2000, about 16,000 people evacuated.

For the purpose of teaching the consequences of volcanic eruptions,collapsed apartments, a hospital, a public bath, roads, bridge,kindergarten are preserved as the Volcano Eruption Remains.

Population living around Mt. Usu is 26,634 households, 52,010people. Among them Volcano Meisters are 35 people.

It is a whole of 0.0007%. However people are interested in Volcano Meister's activities.

Number of the person who try the examination of

Meister is on the list. Toya-Utsu Volcano Meisters are required not only knowledge of the eruption, but also qualities and skills. Volcano Meister and some other groups guide 46,200 people per year in this area. They tell tourists the disaster impacts and their experiences

	Household	Population	The number of Volcano Meisters
DATE-CITY	17,952	35,621	7
TOYAKO-TOWN	5,041	9,401	13
SOBETSU-TOWN	1,344	2,691	13
TOYOURA-TOWN	2,297	4,297	0
other			2
TOTAL	26,634	52,010	35

of eruption as "storyteller". Volcano Meisters can guide but their real role is not only "Guide".

	EXAMINEES	CERTIFICATIONS
1st	2008	6
2nd	2009	6
3rd	2010	7
4th	2011	11
5th	2012	7
6th	2013	12
7th	2014	7
		4+2
	Judges from primary was also approved this time.	
8th	2015	12 Oct
TOTAL		35



2. Action

Over the past 7 years, 35 Meisters have been certified.

Their activities are very energetic and challenging. They are the interpreters of the Global Geopark and disaster prevention.They guide, teach at schools, lecture, evacuate swiftly.

A serialization article is being written by Volcano Meister in a newspaper.They have a regular program at a local radio.

The instructors of the training course are Dr. Okada and Dr.Ui. Their life style itself is the "model" of living near the active volcano. They go to the mountain regularly in order to notice "emergency" immediately by knowing the usual form of the mountain.

Many researchers and government functionaries visit Toya-Utsu geopark from various areas from Japan, central and southern America and the other Asian countries. We exchange opinions and views



All member of Volcano Meister

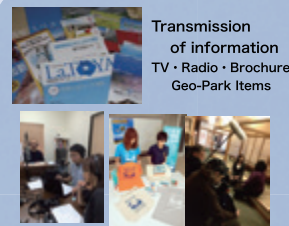
3. Activity Introduction



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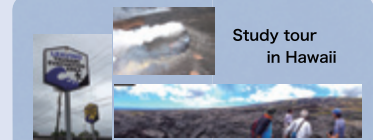
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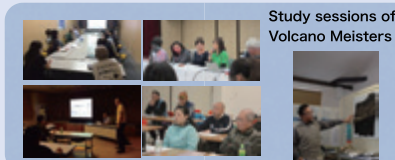
Transmission of information
TV · Radio · Brochure
Geo-Park Items



Education to students by Volcano Meisters



Study tour in Hawaii



Study sessions of Volcano Meisters



Looking for new Geo Sites



The training from abroad



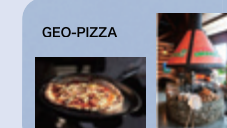
Annual events of Geo tours



Visits to other GEO PARKS



Maintenance of Geo Sites



GEO-PIZZA

4. Towards the Future

It's been 8 years since this system started. Initially, the people who try the examination were restrictive. But now it is expanding the range of character, from teens to eighties. They are teachers, students, tourist agents, housewives, hotel owners, engineers of hot spring and city workers. Presence of Volcano Meister became increasingly famous, beyond the frame of area.

They study an outstanding characteristic of Mt.Usu and tell local people about the importance of rapid evacuation. In order to protect their lives from volcanic disaster,"communication" is very important factor.

Communication between citizens, scientists, local government and media is also very important. Those relationship is the basement of disaster prevention.

Japan has 110 volcanic mountains. And we, Japanese people love hot spring very much. Also clean water, beautiful landscape, lakes are the products of volcano.

We must build appropriate relationship between nature and our life. We hope the presence of Volcano Meister can help bright future.