

## **Actions of Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark Promotion Council for the volcanic disaster prevention of Hakusan volcano**

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Mt. Hakusan is a famous geosite of the Hakusan Tedorigawa Japanese Geopark, which is characterized by geodiversity, biodiversity and cultural diversity. One of the most striking features of Mt. Hakusan is active volcano (Hakusan volcano). Many craters formed by the volcanic activity are distributed around the summit. There are many historical documents that describe the eruptions of Hakusan volcano in the past. Now, Hakusan volcano seems to be calm surface but seismological studies reveal that the activity is going on inside the volcano.

To mitigate volcanic disaster around Hakusan volcano, Hakusan Volcanic Disaster Prevention Committee was established in March 2013. The Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark Promotion Council collaborated with the Committee for spreading the knowledge on Hakusan volcano. It has already tried raising public awareness of volcanic disasters on Hakusan volcano before the establishment of the Committee. The Council organized lots of lecture meetings and geo-tours on Hakusan volcano. These lecture meetings and geo-tours increase public awareness on not only the past and recent activity of Hakusan volcano but also the volcanic disaster in the future.

Now, the Committee developed a Volcanic Disaster Prevention Planning. It has an important role to impress the plan through geopark activities, which covers local citizens, school teachers, tour operators, administrative officers, mountain climbers and so on. The Council is trying to make contents that contribute to mitigation of volcanic disasters around Hakusan volcano.