

Academic & knowledge sharing practitioners



Awareness-raising tools & practices:

- Educational materials (flyers, posters)
- Exhibition & museums
- Community engagement
- Workshops & Training



Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark
Hokkaido, Japan

Situated in an active tectonic belt the Japanese Islands frequently feature geo-hazards such as earthquakes and volcanism. Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark has experienced several volcanic eruptions in the past centuries and the area is under constant risk of further hazards. Mt. Usu resumed volcanic activity in 1663 and has erupted repeatedly since then, causing severe damage and claiming many casualties. Advised by academics, local municipalities have preserved collapsed buildings and infrastructure, remains of the eruptions, in order to educate locals about the consequences related to the events. Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark also certifies local residents as “Volcano Meister” who have in-depth knowledge of the area and the eruption history of the Usu Volcano and pass on scientifically sound information, records and memories of eruptions and practices for disaster risk reduction. The Toya-Usu Volcano Meister Network is a volunteer based educational association that not only organizes conferences and lectures focused on disaster prevention but also is dedicated to highlighting the charms of the Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark.



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