

## **Joint management of Geopark and Biosphere Reserve: the case study in the Hakusan Todorigawa National Geopark in Japan**

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The area of the Hakusan Todorigawa National Geopark (GP) in Japan is partly overlapped with that of Hakusan Biosphere Reserve (BR). The organizing committee of the Hakusan Todorigawa GP has started to manage Hakusan BR to allow these two programs to coexist within the same region.

As is well known, both programs are controlled by UNESCO, and the purposes of these programs have become almost the same after the Sevilla strategy of BR in 2002 as follows: (1) Conservation of the regional nature and natural heritage; (2) Encourage scientific research and education for regional nature; and (3) Encourage the local community and economy through scientific based sustainable development using the regional natural resource.

The local ecological diversity cannot exist without local geo-diversity. Furthermore, the local geo-diversity provides much of the effect for local people through the local ecosystem. Fundamentally, the general ideas of these two programs are inseparable. On the other hand, these two programs must be separate in the park system. The authors think that it is necessary to consider the following points for making it possible for these two programs coexist.

For inside of the park: (1) promoting the scientific relationships between two programs; (2) making relationships between organizing committees of each program; (3) organizing the TPO for using each brand and trademark; and (4) organizing budget and human resources.

For outside of the park: (1) promoting the scientific relationships between two programs and (2) organizing the methods to advertise these two programs.

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