

# Follow Up on 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Conference on Biocultural Diversity in Ishikawa



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# Enhancing synergies through multi-designation

International designation sites in Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan



2009- Aenokoto: agricultural ritual



2011 - Noto's GIAHS (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System)



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark (Japanese Geopark)



1993 - Katano Kamoike Pond Ramsar Site



1993 -



20km



UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage



2016- Seihakusai float festival



2009- UNESCO Creative Cities Network Craft City Kanazawa



1980 - (2016 -) Mt. Hakusan Biosphere Reserve



1980 - (2016 -)

# Background

- Joint programme on the link between biological diversity and cultural diversity by SCBD and UNESCO launched at COP10
- 1<sup>st</sup> European Conference in Florence in 2014
- 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Conference in Ishikawa in Oct.2016

Focus of Asian Conference: Community revitalization through utilization and conservation of biocultural diversity

# 500 participants from 38 countries approved The Ishikawa Declaration



Oct. 27-29, 2016

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# Ishikawa Declaration

Participants recognized and committed to:

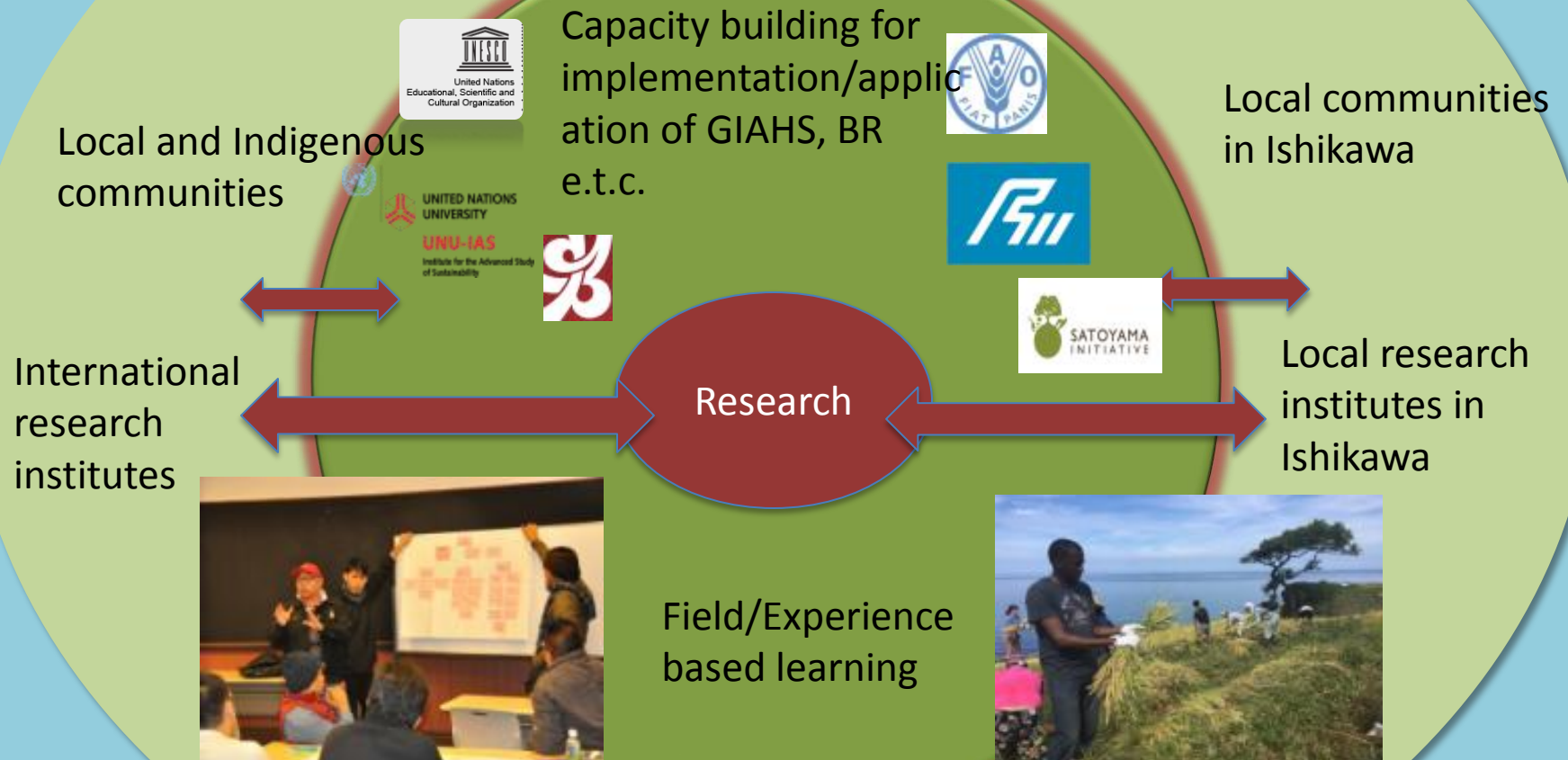
- Education and capacity building for practitioners, the younger generation, and students about the link btw biological and cultural diversity
- Effective implementation and mutual learning among GIAHS, UNESCO MAB, Geopark, e.t.c..
- Importance of local government to facilitate dialogue and partnership to incorporate biocultural approach in SDGs



# The path forward towards 2020

- ❖ OUIK and Ishikawa Prefecture enhance mutual learning at the local and sub-national level to improve implementation of international designation systems.
- ❖ OUIK and Ishikawa Prefecture promote capacity development initiatives that bridge communities in Japan and Asian and other countries
- ❖ OUIK and Ishikawa Prefecture provide field/experience-based learning for the above initiative

# Conceptual Framework for mutual learning in Ishikawa Prefecture



# OUIK : Platform for local and international partnership and collaboration

**Promote mutual learning  
To enhance biocultural approach**

- IPLCs in other regions
- Research entities
- International organizations



**Provision of lessons/advises  
from Ishikawa's Case**



Conservation and wise use of **Local** biodiversity and cultural Diversity

- Local communities
- Local Research entities
- Ishikawa Prefecture



**Supports for implementation of GIAHS,  
MAB, LBSAPs**

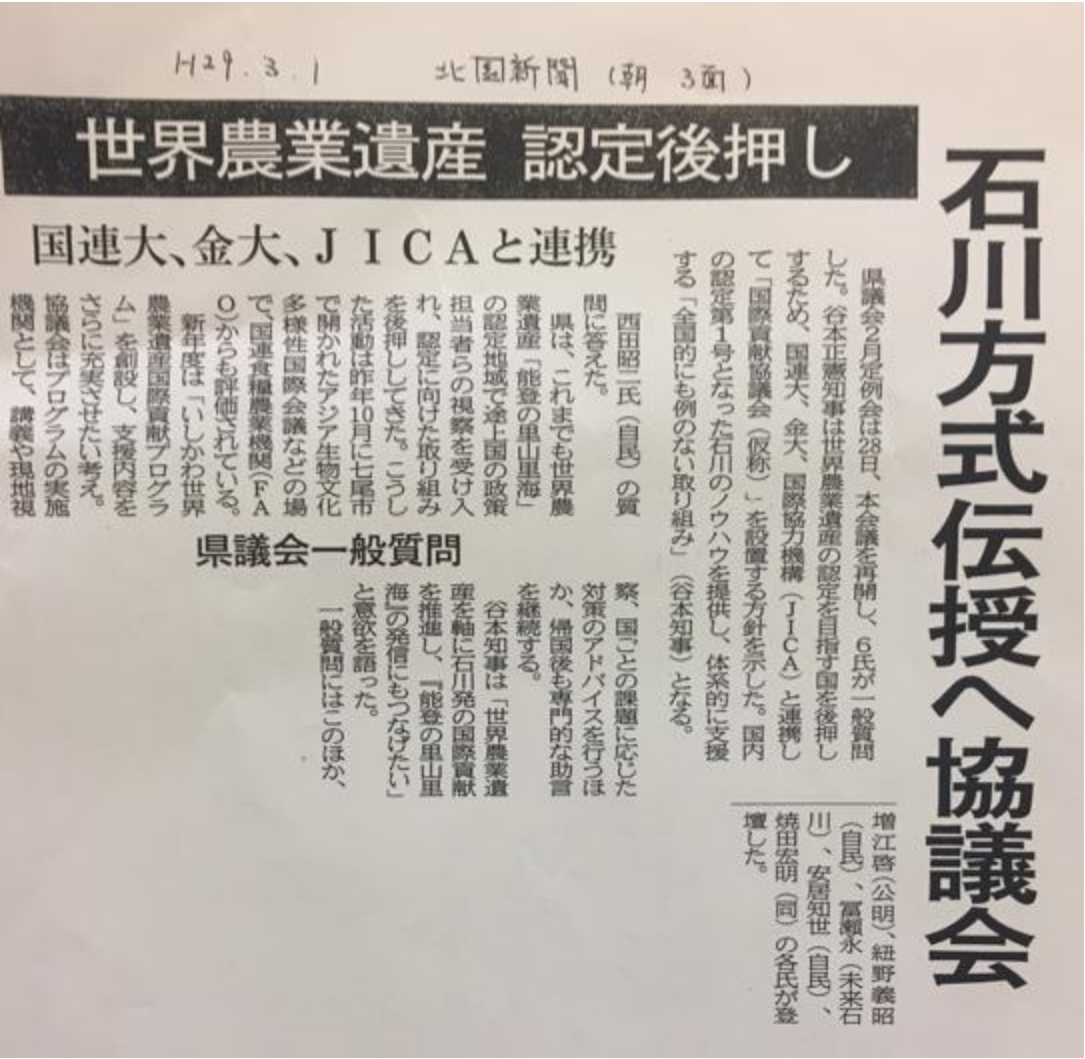


# Next step at local level

Ishikawa Prefecture  
launched international  
cooperation  
programme for GIAHS  
designation  
collaborating with  
UNU, Kanazawa  
University, JICA.



- Involvement community members
- Not limited to GIAHS





JICA training on environmental communication November 2015



Workshop with Asian BR practitioners 2016



GIAHS Training session 2016 with government officials from Laos, Myanmar



## Next step at global level

- 1<sup>st</sup> North American Conference on Biocultural Diversity
- Global Dialogue on Biocultural Diversity (New York City, USA, April 2018)  
( UNESCO-SCBD Joint Programme on BCD, American Museum of Natural History, UNU and .....)



Thank you!

