

Hokusetsu SATOYAMA Declaration

We, the participants of today's successful International SATOYAMA Symposium, hereby declare as follows:

- In Kurokawa area of Kawanishi city in the Hokusetsu region (north of Hanshin region in Hyogo Prefecture), one can still enjoy landscapes that have been preserved by the traditional use of mountains and their forests. These precious landscapes, or SATOYAMA as we call them, are also rich in historical and cultural heritage as well as diversity in flora and fauna. It is also a region where many local citizens are actively investigating possible ways of sustainably revitalising this beautiful landscape — they want to pass the legacy of SATOYAMA down to their future generations.
- SATOYAMA has been considered as a symbol of the harmonious coexistence of people and nature. Although this harmony is disappearing in many regions, it is still alive in our Hokusetsu region. Such a lifestyle of coexistence deserves to be protected as a key wisdom for sustaining our Blue Planet.
- We shall continuously make efforts to realise this “lifestyle of harmonious coexistence with nature” in Hokusetsu region and, by sympathising with the ideas of the International Partnership for the SATOYAMA Initiative, work towards our Hokusetsu SATOYAMA that will become the world's SATOYAMA.

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北摂 SATOYAMA 宣言

北摂 SATOYAMA 国際シンポジウムに集まったわたしたちは、今日の国際シンポジウムの成果を踏まえ、次のような決意を表明します。

- ・ 北摂地域（兵庫県の摂津北部）には、川西市黒川地区に今でも伝統的な里山利用による里山景観が維持され、歴史・文化や生物多様性などの魅力を保つ稀少な空間が残されており、一方、活発な市民活動を背景に新たな里山の利活用から里山環境を次世代に伝えようとする動きもでています。
- ・ 里山は人と自然が調和して共存して生きているシンボルといえ、北摂には消えつつある人と自然が共生する生き方が今も息づいております。
この生き方こそが私たちの住む青い地球をいつまでも維持させる知恵の源です。
- ・ この北摂地域での人と自然が共生していく生き方を世界に提示し、SATOYAMA イニシアティブ国際パートナーシップの発展、「自然共生社会」の実現に寄与するとともに、「北摂の里山」から「世界の SATOYAMA」を目指した取り組みに励みます。

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