

# 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Conference on Biocultural Diversity

Tsunao Watanabe, Director, Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa  
Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability,  
United Nations University



Summit Muchtanbal  
2016.12.10, COP 13 Cancun

# 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

UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage



2016- Seihakusai float festival



2009- UNESCO Creative Cities Network Craft city Kanazawa



2011 - Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark (Japanese Geopark)

**OUIK**



1993 - Katano Kamoike Pond Ramsar site



1980 - (2016 -) Mt. Hakusan Biosphere Reserve



1980 - (2016 -)

20km

# 500 participants from 38 countries approved Ishikawa Declaration



2016 Oct. 27-29



Photos: © Ishikawa Prefecture

# Ishikawa Declaration

Participants recognized and committed:

- Education and capacity building for practitioners, younger generation, students
- Effective implementation and mutual learning among GIAHS, UNESCO MAB, Geopark, e.t.c..
- Building platform at every level for dialogue and partnership to incorporate biocultural approach in SDGs



# 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



Operating  
Unit  
Ishikawa/  
Kanazawa



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

- Local communities
- Local Research entities
- Ishikawa Prefecture



Supports for implementation of GIAHS,  
MAB, LBSAPs

# Way forward towards 2020

- ❖ OUIK and Ishikawa Prefecture enhance mutually learning among local and sub-national level to improve implementation of International designation systems.
- ❖ OUIK and Ishikawa Prefecture promote capacity development initiatives bridging communities in Japan and Asian countries by mutually benefiting manners
- ❖ OUIK and Ishikawa Prefecture provide field/experience-base learning for above initiative