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The Indigenous Peoples Knowledges and Rights Commission of the International Geographical Union

This notice details opportunities for discussion, networking and a study tour before the **Kyoto Regional Conference of the International Geographical Union** (August 4-9 2013).

Early registration for the conference closes 10 April 2013. Refer to <http://www.igu-kyoto2013.org/> for other details.

The IPKRC-IGU has organised five **Indigenous themed sessions**: Post-colonial planning; Indigenizing development for community needs; Indigenous responses to hazards and disaster; weaving Indigenous and sustainability sciences; expressions of Indigenous sovereignty.

PRE-CONFERENCE STUDY TOUR

For its annual activity and meeting, the IPKRC will lead a study tour (**31 July – 3 August**) to **Hokkaido – Ainu Moshiri** in northern Japan.

The field trip will foreshadow the Indigenous themed sessions of the conference to consider **the political struggles and programmes for cultural maintenance of the Ainu**.

As well as engagement with locals who lead cultural programmes or opposition to development projects, the tour will include a symposium and small group discussions on Indigenous rights, participation in resource management and community programmes.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY

31 July. Arrive at Chitose Airport, Hokkaido;

1 August: Visit to Nibutani, with consideration of: 1) the dispute about damming the Saru River; 2) maintenance of Ainu culture through Ainu cultural facilities;

2 August: Visit to Shiraoi and Noboribetsu, including a hot spring facility and museums which Ainu have recently been involved in establishing;

3 August: Further discussions with Ainu organisations and informal symposium at Hokusei Gakuen University in Sapporo (departure that evening or next morning).

The main Ainu NGOs with whom we will engage are: Win-Ainu (World Indigenous peoples Network: Ainu), Chiri Shinsha (Noboribetsu) and Nibutani Kayano Shigeru Ainu Cultural Museum

Academic and other researchers, graduate students and family of conference attendees are encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in joining the study tour, complete this **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form and email it to Brad Coombes (b.coombes@auckland.ac.nz). We will calculate costs and call for a deposit when early registration for the conference closes (10 April 2013). Yugo Ono (yugo55glacier@gmail.com) from Hokusei Gakuen University is our local contact and can answer questions about the content and itinerary of the study tour.

Name

Email address

Number of additional party members attending study tour and their names

Title of conference presentation

Dietary or other special requirements