## **Announcement from IGU Commission "Karst"**

# **Main Congress**

Session: Human Impact on Karst Terrain

Geomorphological and hydrological problems caused by human activities in the world's karst terrains are the main themes of this session. In particular, changes observed during recent years in the field and related data analyzed by experiment will be presented and discussed.

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# Post-conference field excursion of Karst Commission

Human Impact and Karst Terrain in Akiyoshi-dai Plateau, West Japan

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#### **PROGRAM**

The Akiyoshi-dai plateau composed of Carboniferous to Permian limestone will be observed. These areas have been designated as National Parks since 1955. As the accretionary prism, Akiyoshi-dai plateau was formed from an oceanic seamount, which had originated in the Panthalassa Sea from the Lower Carboniferous to Middle Permian period.

This trip includes a few stops at surface outcrops of pinnacles and karst terrain as doline, uvala and karrenfeld. Two caves, Akiyoshido Cave and Kagekiyodo Cave, will be visited. We will visit karst drainage systems as ponor, karst springs and caves. Geological structures of the Kaerimizu doline in the west plateau will also be visited.

Start: 9:30 August 10, 2013 (Shin-Yamaguchi, Super Express Train (Shinkansen) Station, Yamaguchi Pref.)

End: 17:00 pm, August 12, 2013 (Shin-Yamaguchi Super Express Train Station)

Number of participants: maximum 7

Fee: 30,000 yen (twin-room occupancy)

Please pay the fee by bank transfer. Bank account is as follows;

Paying Bank: MIZUHO BANK, LTD. (Swift Code: MHBKJPJT)

Branch Name: CHOFU-SENGAWA BRANCH

Account Number: Ordinary 272-2824965

Account Name: Asami HADA

Registration deadline: May 31, 2013

Note: Accommodations, breakfast, lunch, dinner and minibus expenses are included.

Travel cost from Kyoto to Shin-Yamaguchi (Super Express Train) is about 13,000 yen one-way (*not* included).