

## **We are preparing an NPO, “Make a good use of un-attended Mt. Fuji Weather Station”**

As you may know, Mt. Fuji weather station has been un-attended since last autumn. In spite of the outstanding historical background of 72 years attended observation, JMA (Japan Meteorological Agency) decided not to maintain the station after next summer. Now, only the data on temperature, humidity and pressure are observed automatically.

We, scientists gathering in the “Mt. Fuji High Altitude Research Society” have been seeking after the efficient and good use of the facilities for the scientific purposes. More than 50 scientists are, now, ready to start observation when it is open for us. Our scientific fields are widely expanding, such as atmospheric chemistry, high altitude physiology and medicine, astronomy, ecology, glaciology and etc.

Since last autumn, we have tried our best to make the facility open for the scientific use. We have got contact with responsible persons of governmental organizations such as; JMA, MLIT (Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport), MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), ME (Ministry of Environment), however, no organization would take any responsibility to keep it by themselves, mainly because of the high cost in maintenance, in spite of the fact that they have been convinced by us that it is an ideal observation site in the free troposphere. In the discussion with JMA, we found that the facilities are to be demolished in a few years.

The facilities of Mt. Fuji Weather Station are proved to be durable enough for several 10 years use, by our inspection tour of this summer, broadcasted by NHK etc. “Too MOTTAINAI to leave them demolished!” is our common feelings. Therefore, we have decided to prepare an NPO, “Make a good use of un-attended Mt. Fuji Weather Station” to be ready to serve as a responsible organization to maintain the facilities and open them for the scientific and educational use. Our time schedule is very tough and we should take an action in October this year.

If you are interested, please join us !

And any support will be very much appreciated. Please get contact with us.

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Figure Lab. of Mt. Fuji Weather Station used for air chemistry observation