**せかいいさんがあぶない！ Risk of Losing Heritage Listing!**

Summary of article in The Japan Times November 20, 2014

**Heritage listing a wake-up call for taking charge of Mount Fuji clean-up**

Alpinist Ken Noguchi was devastated when Mount Fuji was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2013, because the mountain’s problems had not been resolved.

“When Mount Fuji was designated on the list, people thought the mountain was completely clear of garbage, but that is not the case.” Noguchi said when interviewed.

After setting the record for the youngest alpinist to scale the highest peaks on all seven continents at the age of 25, Noguchi has spent the past 15 years trying to clean Mount Fuji, creating a club, ‘Fujisankurabu’, and recruiting volunteers to take part in cleaning excursions on the iconic peak. “There is frequent littering of cans and plastic bottles, and they roll down to the base of the mountain. Even old tyres have been illegally dumped there. But the authorities don’t want to deal with it,” he said. The volcano straddles Yamanashi and Shizuoka Prefectures. Since it is not clear who is in charge of the mountain as a whole, nobody is playing a leading role in its management.

Noguchi said, “It’s a good chance for the Japanese people to realise how much value Mount Fuji has for Japan. It is said to be a ‘sacred’ mountain-not just a place for leisure- and it is important to preserve its nature and tradition.”

Keyword matching

Match the words below to the English words in the article

ふじさんをまもりましょう！

Protecting Mt Fuji

Create a skit about littering on **ふじさん** based on the article.

 Characters: Visitors/climbers/hikers

 Tour guides /rangers /passers-by

 Scenario: People are seen littering while climbing/hiking on Fujisan….

 Combine the keywords you have learned with the words below to make

 expressions for your skit. Choose a few from the many combinations!

**ペットボトル….**

**ポイすて…**

**しぜん…**

**クラブ…**

**ごみ…**

**あきかん…**

**やま…**

**せかいいさん…**

**ボランティア…**

**ボランティア**

……をまもりましょう！ protect……….. !

……をやめましょう！ stop……………. !

……をひろいましょう！ pick up……... !

……をもってかえりましょう！ take home…….!.

……をしましょう！ do, make……. !

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