

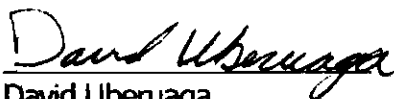
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Memorandum of Understanding on the Sister Mountains Exchange Program
between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Fuji

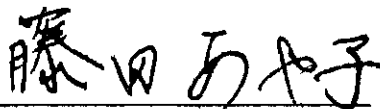
Both Pacific Rim stratovolcanoes of the Konide type, Mt. Rainier in Washington State, U.S.A., and Mt. Fuji in Japan, with their natural symmetrical beauty and spectacular appearance, have functioned as major historical and cultural symbols of their respective countries. The two mountains have also provided courage, a sense of healing, harmony, and inspiration to the people on many occasions. The imaginative and creative power imparted from these mountains continue to fill us with vital energy, supporting us during hard times and adding color to our lives as works of art.

Today, numerous people from around the world are visiting Mt. Rainier and Mt. Fuji, not only similar in shape but also sharing a timeless value in our history, culture and nature. As citizens in love with their beauty and enjoying coexistence with these mountains, it is our pleasure to sign an exchange program agreement between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Fuji as sister mountains. In our hope to preserve the beauty of their nature, protect their environment with rich and varied ecosystems and maintain Mt. Fuji and Mt. Rainier as common global treasures for our children in the future, we, as citizens of America and Japan, agree on the following terms for implementing our sister mountains exchange program:

1. We will operate personal exchange programs based on environmental volunteer activities involving the citizens and community organizations of both countries.
2. We will also work on cultural exchange programs to further increase public understanding of the cultural, natural and historical significance of the two mountains as well as nurture friendship between the citizens of the respective countries.
3. We will exchange information and technology for protecting, conserving, and enhancing the natural environment and cultural values of these mountains.
4. We will conduct public relations and publication activities for promoting our unique exchange programs in the world's first sister mountains program.



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Memorandum of Understanding on the Sister Mountains Exchange Program
between Mt. Ngauruhoe and Mt. Fuji

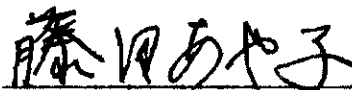
Both stratovolcanoes of the Konide type, Mt. Ngauruhoe (one of the three volcanic peaks in Tongariro National Park) in New Zealand and Mt. Fuji in Japan, with their natural symmetrical beauty and spectacular appearance, have functioned as major historical and cultural symbols of their respective countries. The two mountains have also provided courage, a sense of healing, harmony, and inspiration to the people on many occasions. The imaginative and creative power imparted from these mountains continue to fill us with vital energy, supporting us during hard times and adding color to our lives as works of art.

Today, numerous people from around the world are visiting Mt. Fuji and Tongariro National Park where Mt. Ngauruhoe is located. These mountains are not only similar in shape but also share a timeless value in our history, culture and nature. As citizens in love with their beauty and enjoying coexistence with these mountains, it is our pleasure to sign an exchange program agreement between Mt. Ngauruhoe and Mt. Fuji as sister mountains. In our hope to ensure that cultural values are respected, to preserve the beauty of their nature, to protect their environment with rich and varied ecosystems and to maintain Mt. Fuji, Mt. Ngauruhoe and its surrounding mountains as common global treasures for our children in the future, we, as citizens of New Zealand and Japan, agree on the following terms for implementing our sister mountains exchange program in and around the respective mountains:

1. We will operate personal exchange programs based on environmental volunteer activities involving the citizens and community organizations of both countries.
2. We will also work on cultural exchange programs to further increase public understanding of the cultural, natural and historical significance of the two mountains as well as nurture friendship between the citizens of the respective countries.
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