

## **Symposium on Conservation and Utilization of Biodiversity in the Kyushu-Okinawa Region, Japan**

14 June, 2015, Parea Hall, Kumamoto, Japan

The Kyushu–Okinawa region (44,500 km<sup>2</sup> in land area) in southwestern Japan is a key area in East Asia, with a high level of biodiversity including many endemic species of plants and animals in the forests and grasslands. However, biodiversity in this region has suffered continuous human impact due to high population density over thousands of years (330 people/km<sup>2</sup>; 14.5 million people in 2014).

We intend to invite four speakers who are working on biodiversity conservation and utilization in the region. We will discuss the importance of local actions by governments and citizens in regard to this issue.

This symposium is open to the public. The audience is expected to comprise high school students and above.

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