

The Minume Wakinohama Ecological Support Association Prospectus

Wakinohama formed by the sediment from Mt.Rokko and Mt.Maya was such a beautiful seashore that 9 poems mentioned the shore, were selected in the Manyoushuu; anthology of Japanese poetry, 8th century. Wakinohama was the oldest port in Kobe, which connected the Setouchi Sea and Nanba, Osaka/Capital Asuka & Nara, during 6-8th century. The port had been controlled by the Minume Shrine, enshrined as the guardian of safe voyage on the hill of Wakinohama.

Wakinohama, together with Minume Shrinem, had developed the fishing industry and sake brewing, and had flourished as the pilgrimage gateway between Mt.Maya and Kishu Wakayama, by the early modern, Edo era.

After the opening of the port during the Meiji era, Wakinohama beach was developed to have boat racing and swimming for the foreigners' settlements.

Although Wakinohama had been reclaimed for factories construction, Wakinohama has been transformed into a residential and culture area, after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995.

Nowadays, Minume shrine and its forest preserves its rich history and culture, and has become more important as a landmark in the minds of the people who work and live in Wakinohama.

I initiate this association to preserve the history of Minume Wakinohama and to develop this local ecology in the 21st century.

This association will raise funds for following issues:

- (1) To restore the Minume shrine's building and forest.
- (2) To remind people of the historical value of Minume Wakinohama, its relationship to World Heritage and other historical sites between Setouchi, on the inland sea, and Kishu, Wakayama, and to reestablishing it's local heritage.
- (3) To educate the residents about the area's heritage, through festivals, lectures and by extending their knowledge of the cultural, social and economic ecology to pursue local health and peace.

I would like you to consider becoming one of this association's initiators, upon reviewing the above prospectus, with your sincerity.

Sincerely,


Bunroku Shimada

First initiator of The Minume Wakinohama Ecological Support Association
on auspicious day October 2017

みぬめ脇浜エコロジー賛助会趣意書

六甲・摩耶山より流れ出る土砂で形成された灘五郷の美しい玉藻刈る浜、脇浜は、古代の万葉集に敏馬の浦として9首の和歌が登載され、6~8世紀、瀬戸内と難波・飛鳥の都をつなぐ神戸で最初の港でした。この港を管轄し航海安全を祈って脇浜の高台に祀られたのが神戸市内最古の神社の一つ、敏馬神社です。

敏馬神社とともに脇浜は、海を利用した魚業や酒造り、紀州と摩耶山をつなぐ海路の参詣口として、また明治の開港後居留地のボートレース、海水浴の場として豊かな文化が育まれ発展。昭和初め工場建設のために埋め立てられましたが、平成7年(1995)の阪神淡路大震災を経て、住宅・文化地区に大きく転換。

そして今脇浜で、新しい住民・地元の企業で働く人々の心の陸標として、豊かな歴史・文化をもつ敏馬神社の鎮守の森の存在が大変重要になって参りました。

つきましては、みぬめ脇浜の歴史を保全し、21世紀の地域のエコロジーの発展を賛助する会を發起したく存じます。

具体的には当賛助の会が広く浄財を集め、

- (1) まず、敏馬神社の社殿及び鎮守の森を整備し
- (2) 続いて、みぬめ脇浜の歴史的価値を、瀬戸内から紀州・和歌山までの世界遺産等とつなぎ再編集し、灘の歴史文化の道として遺産化を図り
- (3) その遺産を祭りや講習会を通じて無償で地域の住民に提供し、都市型地域のエコロジー、文化・社会・経済の生態学的な知見を豊かにして、地域住民の健康と安寧を図ることを目指す。

を当賛助会の趣意と考えます。

何卒、上記趣意にご賛同賜り、当会の発起人にご参加頂きたく心よりお願い申し上げます。

みぬめ脇浜エコロジー賛助会
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