



**Memorandum of Understanding between
the Italian Association of Volcanology (AIV) and the Volcanological Society of Japan (VSJ)**

The Italian Association of Volcanology (AIV) and the Volcanological Society of Japan (VSJ) agree to renew the General Agreement signed in Rome on 16 December 2016, and further strengthen their collaborative relationship for the advancement of volcanology in Italy and Japan.

The Parties recognize the importance of international cooperation in promoting academic research, education, knowledge exchange and the mitigation of volcanic hazards, as well as in fostering public awareness and understanding of volcanic processes and risks.

Within this framework, AIV and VSJ intend to promote cooperation in the following areas:

- collaborative research and exchange of scientific knowledge and information;
- exchange of senior researchers, early-career scientists and students;
- organization of joint or reciprocal scientific meetings, workshops, schools, seminars and field activities;
- development of educational and training initiatives, with particular attention to the next generation of volcanologists;
- dissemination of scientific knowledge and public outreach concerning volcanoes and volcanic hazards;
- participation in international research and educational programs of mutual interest.

The Parties encourage their members to develop collaborative activities between Italy and Japan and to make use of the framework provided by this Agreement for new scientific and educational initiatives.

Specific activities may be agreed upon separately by the Parties or by the institutions and researchers involved. Such activities will be subject to the availability of appropriate resources and will not create financial obligations for either Party unless otherwise agreed in writing.

The Parties recognize that educating and training the next generation of volcanologists with an international perspective is essential for advancing scientific knowledge, reducing volcanic risk and fostering the harmonious coexistence of societies with active volcanoes.

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain valid for the following ten years. It may be renewed or amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

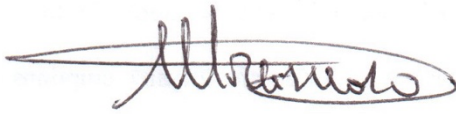
This Agreement renews and supersedes the General Agreement signed in Rome on 16 December 2016.

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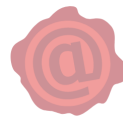
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