

How to do when we meet with the different opinions about the prediction of the volcanic eruption.

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There are two kinds of opinions about how to announce the information of the prediction of the volcanic eruption from the scientists to the media. One is to recommend announcing one opinion from one organization. The other is to encourage the free presentation for the scientists. A set of questionnaire was sent out to the inhabitants around Usu, Iwate, and Unzen volcanoes in Japan to investigate the role of the volcanic research and its evaluation, especially about the method of the presentation from the volcanologists. The questionnaire was; How do you feel when you meet with the different opinions about the prediction of the volcanic eruption from the scientists?. The answer from the 375 person from three volcano areas are divided into 1) ask to make the unified opinion to the scientists : 24 %, 2) ask to the governor to choose one of the opinion of the scientists and then announce it to the residents :34 %, and 3) announce freely, and we will decide how to do by ourselves for ourselves after the consideration of those opinions :34 %. The result was simple to recommend the free presentation from the scientists, but we have to consider about another opinion from the governor, who is concerning about the volcanic disaster and so on.