

## Aspirations of Nature Education in Samani

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For the town of Samani, home of '*Apoi, the Mountain of Flowers*,' the 1990s was the time to turn our eyes towards the '*abundant and unique nature*' which had always been under our own feet. Since then there have been countless observations of and lectures about the mountain's plants and animals, its stones and rocks, and its history and future. Amidst all this, volunteers in their love for Mt. Apoi, turned a massive theft of alpine plants in 1997 from an incident to an opportunity, and founded the Mt. Apoi Fan Club. In our presentation, we will introduce our struggle to give a new understanding of the value of our region using nature education, the changes taking place on Mt. Apoi, and the protective and restorative efforts by the Mt. Apoi Fan Club.