

## Presidential Address of GIGE, Jan. 2018

Dear GIGE Fellows and Friends,

I believe you all have been fine and doing well in the year of 2017. I have been also OK, and am pleased to be able to send you the activity report of the GIGE main office during 2017. More detailed [report described monthly-wise](#) (in Japanese) and details of each undertakings mentioned below are given elsewhere (on the [GIGE home page](#)).



*The 6th SHET team in Pokhara, with the Annapurna Range on the back view (March 2017).*

The major undertakings of the GIGE main office in 2017 were the following 6 items.

1. Preparation (Jan-Feb), enforcement (Mar) and publication of [reports \(April-May\) of the 6th Student Himalayan Exercise Tour \(SHET-6\)](#).
2. Preparation of the [7th Student Himalayan Exercise Tour \(SHET-7, Apr - Dec\)](#).
3. Editing and publication of a [geoguidebook \(PDF version\) along the Lumbini course \(Kathmandu-Pokhara-Lumbini-Mugling\)](#).
4. Editing and publication of a [geoguidebook \(PDF version\) for the Student Himalayan Exercise Tour \(Jul-Aug\)](#).

5. Presentation of 5 titles such as “SHET 6 years 2012-2017”, “Geotours in the Himalaya west to east”, “Youth’s mountaineering and earth science” at the Geological Society of Japan (.Sep), IAGR (Nov), and Polar Science Symposium (Dec).

6. Donation of books and reprint collections: To Osaka City University library (February, about 100 books authored/edited by M. Yoshida mostly including publications of GIGE), to Prof. T. Tsunogae of Tsukuba University (May to October, several hundred of books and reprints related to Gondwanan areas)

**Other minor GIGE activities included the following.**

The 4th charity activity in collaboration with Mrs. Yoshi Yoshida and donation to Nepal against the 2015 Nepal earthquake disaster (Mar-May), Tax report of the GIGE main office (Mar), Felicitations assembly for Prof. M. Santosh for his highest citation record in 2016 (Kochi University, Apr), Reconfirmation of the constitution of GIGE and its members (Oct-Nov), Attendances of various meetings including: Felicitations and memorial lecture assembly of 60 anniversary of the Past Members’ Association of Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE OB Association), General assembly and council meeting of Academic Alpine Club of Hokkaido, Felicitations assembly for the renewal and re-opening of Soranuma hut collaborated by AACH members in Hokkaido, first general assembly of the Osaka-Wakayama-Nara chapter of JARE OB Association, two assemblies of OB/OGs association of the Mountaineering Club of Koyamadai high school.

Further, applications for the support for the SHET program, review of books such as “Global warming is no more”, and editing and distribution of yearly report of GIGE, and so on were also conducted.

I hope you and the GIGE to be happy and prosperous for the new year.

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