

Tokyo Park Ranger News

This Newsletter communicates Park Rangers' activities and a variety of information about nature

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Tokyo Park Rangers look back the year

Year in review: Top stories from 2018

Serious cases of alpine accidents reported



Unfortunately, we've experienced a number of alpine accidents this year. In particular, the accident that happened in snowy Mt. Mito on March 21 was widely reported by media. A group of 13, including majority of foreign tourists who had become acquainted

with through social media, dared to climb the mountain amid bad weather, lost their way and called for help. Coming across the spots of big falls and other accidents, we've conducted several rescues for stranded climbers.

Those who enjoy safe climbing are requested to be well equipped with mountainous shoes/goods and make an accurate snap judgement confronting danger. We hope all of you to climb Tokyo's mountains with good planning, proper equipment and decision with safety-first measures.

Extreme heat



It was really scorching hot in summer! Temperature jumped up to 40.8°C in Ome City on July 23, a record high in Tokyo. While record hot waves hit Japan, a great number of people visited valleys in natural parks in Tokyo. During school holidays in summer, we saw many families visiting the child-friendly resort every day We Park Rangers, were drenched in sweat every day, walking around mountains to keep the safety of the visitors.

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Damaged by numerous typhoons!



In August, as many as five out of nine typhoons occurred in Japan hit Tokyo. Especially, the devastating Typhoon Trami came close to Kanto area, leaving innumerable damages including fallen trees and washed-out bridges.

Mount Takao's 50th anniversary of designation as Quasi-national Park



A part of Mt. Takao was designated as quasi-national park to commemorate millennium anniversary since the

start of Meiji-era (the start of civilization in Japan) along with Osaka's Minoh park on December 1967. We held several events including symposium to celebrate the 50th anniversary since the designation, in which we made presentation about our activities in Mt. Takao. We'll continue our best efforts to protect the natural environment of Mt. Takao over 50 years from now on.