

# Restoration efforts of the Aso Bridge District affected by a massive landslide

阿蘇大橋地区大規模崩壊斜面の復旧状況について



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## Overview of the landslide

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### <Dates of the disaster>

1:25 a.m. April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016

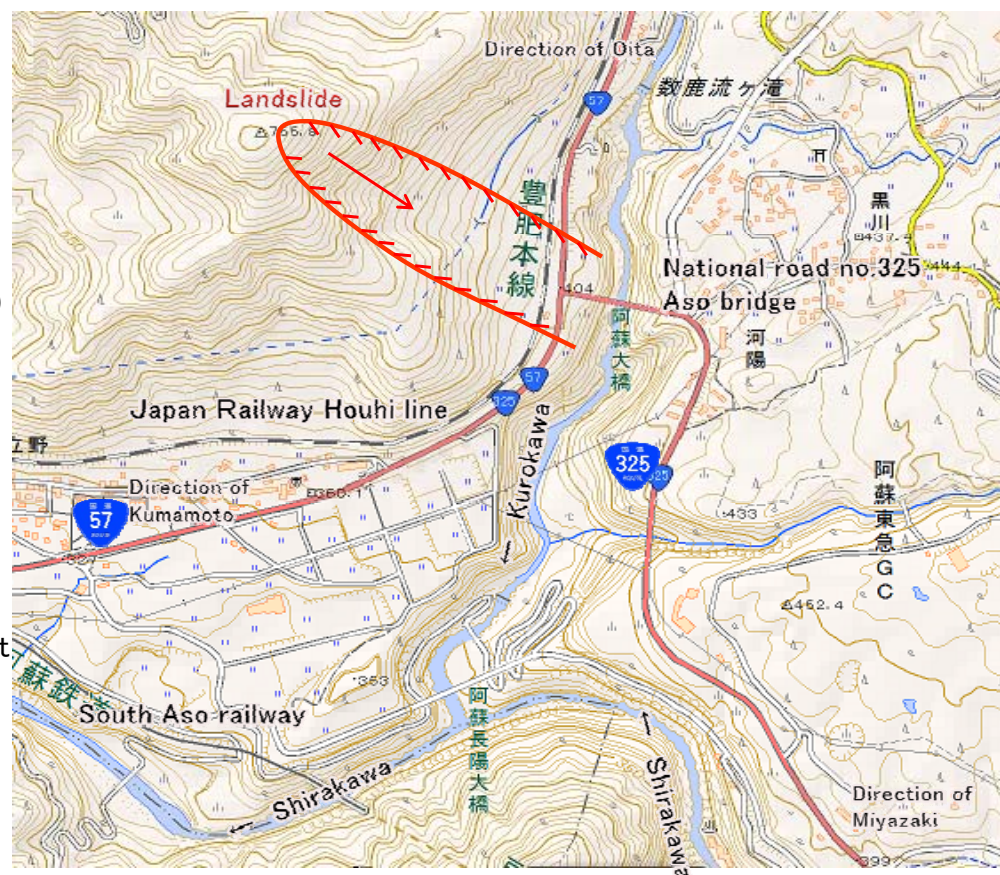
※Occurrence of a quake

### <Damages>

- Public infrastructure
  - National Road no. 57 (Aso bridge area)
  - National road 325 Aso Bridge
  - Japan Railway Houhi Line

### <Scale of landslide>

- Length of landslide approx. 700m
- Width of landslide approx. 200m
- Volume of earth and sand approx. 0.5 million m<sup>3</sup>  
(Estimation by aerial laser measurement soon after the quake)





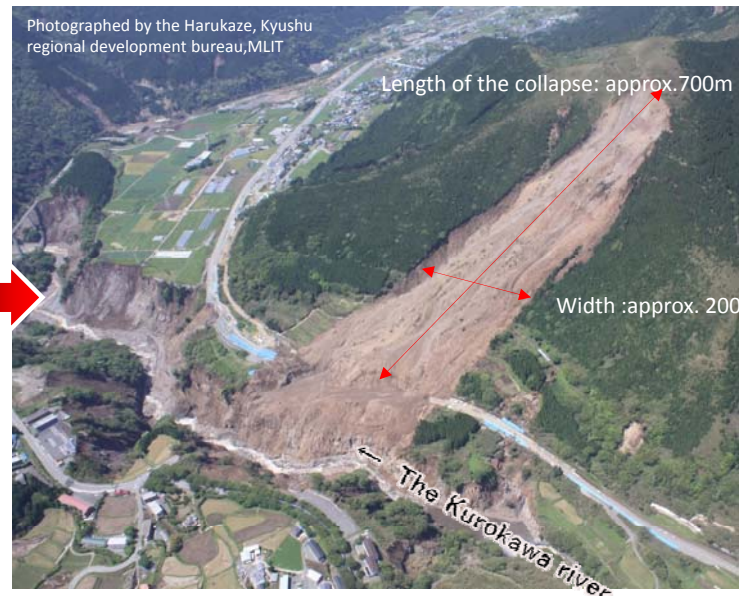
# Damages by the collapse at Aso Bridge area



# Status of the collapse of slope

Before the collapse

After the collapse



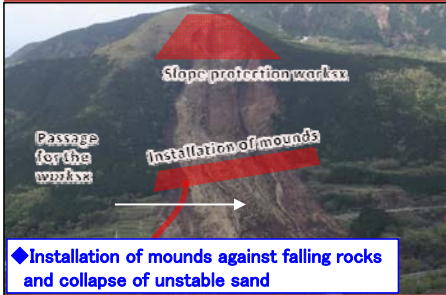


**In regard to the massive collapse of the slope at Aso bridge area triggered by the Kumamoto earthquakes in 2016, emergency construction works are underway to prevent secondary disasters that could be caused by collapse of the remaining large volume of sand at upper area of the slope**

**Overview of landslide disaster**

Tateno, Aso village, Aso County, Kumamoto Prefecture  
 ○April, 16m 2016, Kumamoto earthquake  
 ○Status of damages  
 National road no.57, National road no.325, Japan railway Houhi line  
 ○Major countermeasure works  
 Earthworks and building of mounds, Slope protection works (Cost : Two billions)  
 ○Start of the works: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
 ○Due to the cracks as well as unstable earth and sand, left at the top of the slope, the works are undertaken by using construction machines for automatic operation.

**Overview of the countermeasures**

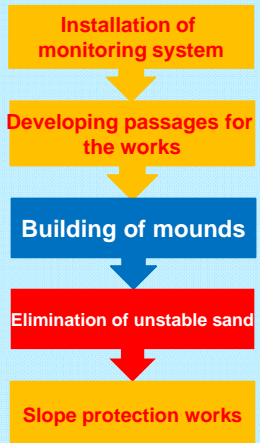


◆ Installation of mounds against falling rocks and collapse of unstable sand

◆ Removing of the unstable sand at upper side, followed by the slope protection works

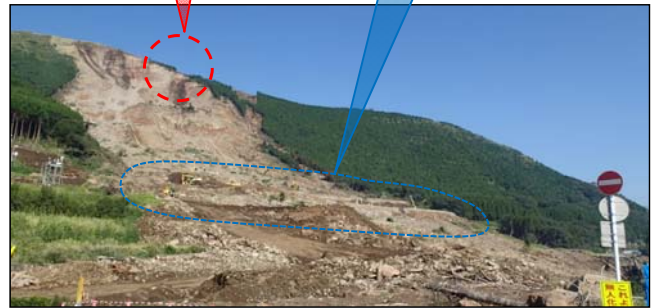
**Status of the works**

**Steps of the works**



◆ Eliminating unstable sand Photographed on Oct. 2nd

◆ Completed mounds Upper side

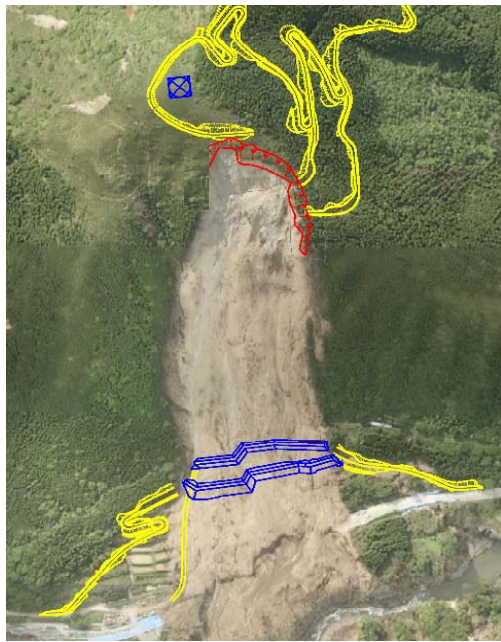


**The cracks identified at the top of the slope**



**Elimination of unstable rocks left by gully erosion**

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**Overview of the mounds, photographed on October 31th**

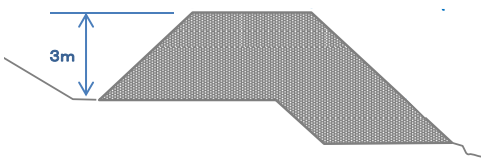


Status of the mound, October 27<sup>th</sup> from Kumamoto side

Status fo the mound, October 30<sup>th</sup> from Oita side



**Mounds**





Operated by using four monitors for one unmanned machine

Images from the vehicle carrying camera

Operation desk for 14 unmanned machines

Heavy machines photographed from just in front

Monitoring other unmanned machine

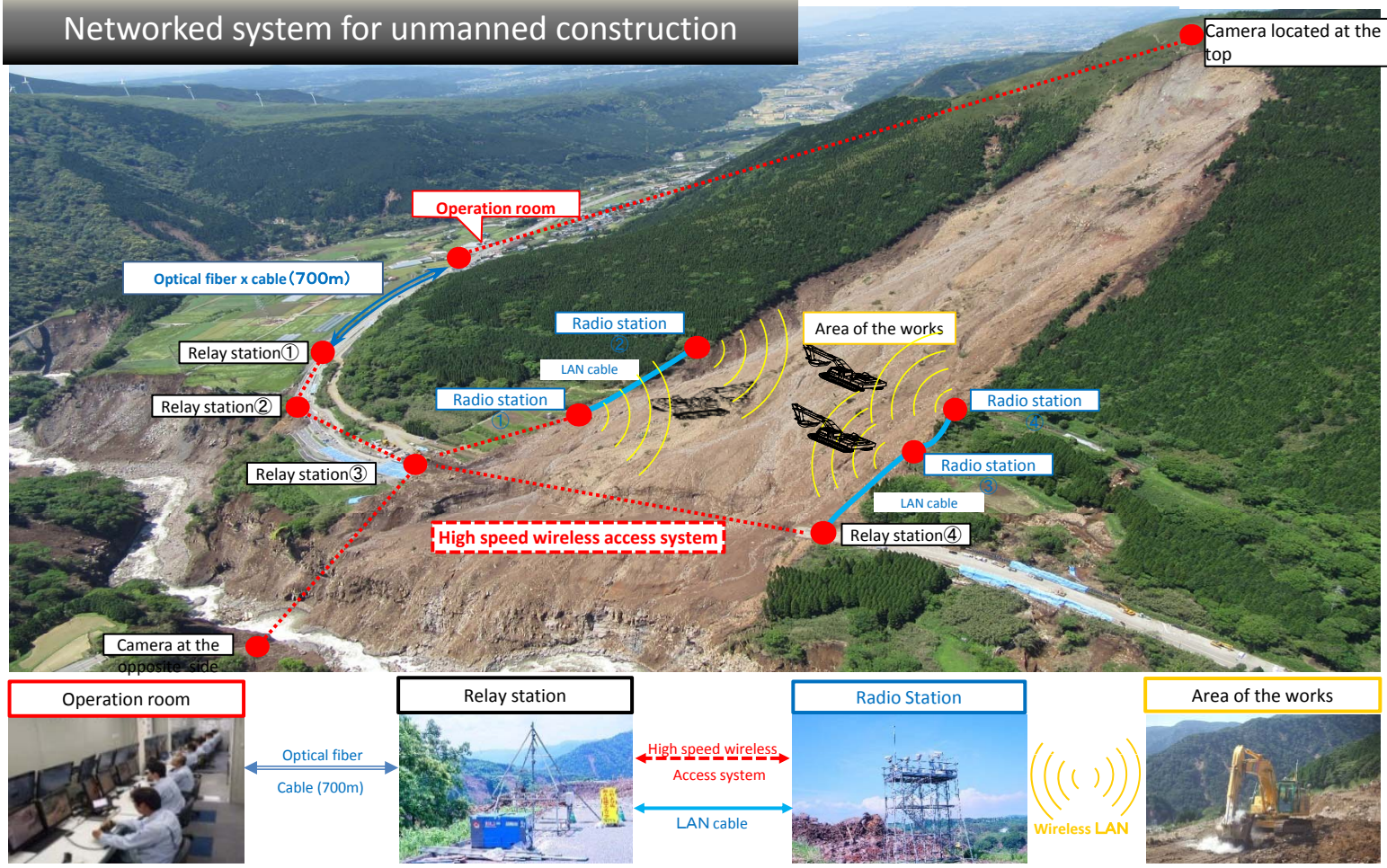
Zooming

Monitoring camera (capable of multi angle operation)

Camera vehicle

## An overview of the unmanned construction system

Networked system for unmanned construction

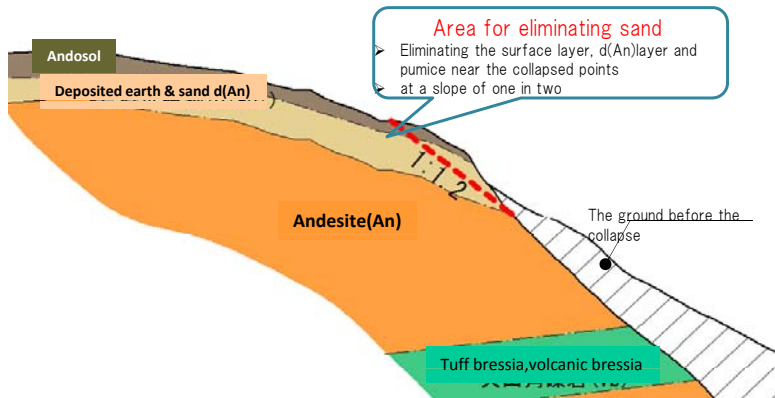




## Area of the works

Surface layer of andosol, deposited earth and sand (d(An)), and pumice found at the areas surrounding the collapsed points where the ground rises

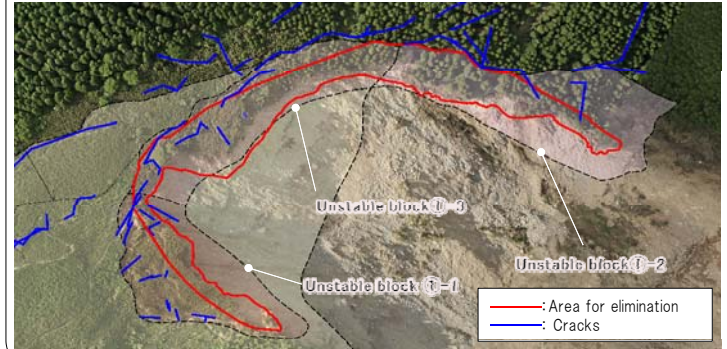
### A cross section for elimination of earth and sand



## (2) Upper border of the works

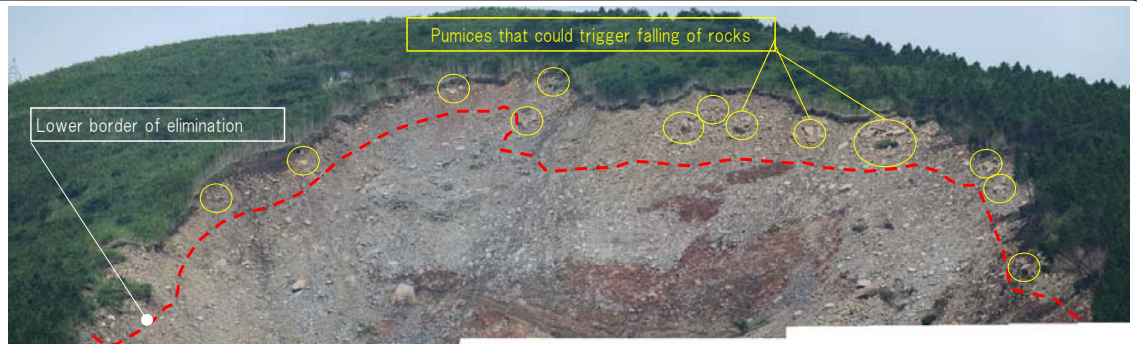
Block ①-2: Upper border is defined up to the crack of the unstable block, due to the changes identified by dynamic observation, and the significant difference in level between the cracks behind.

Block ①-1, Block ①-3: Basically the area cut from the lower border at a stable gradient of one in two, with necessary adjustment depending on the status of the ground at the back during the works.

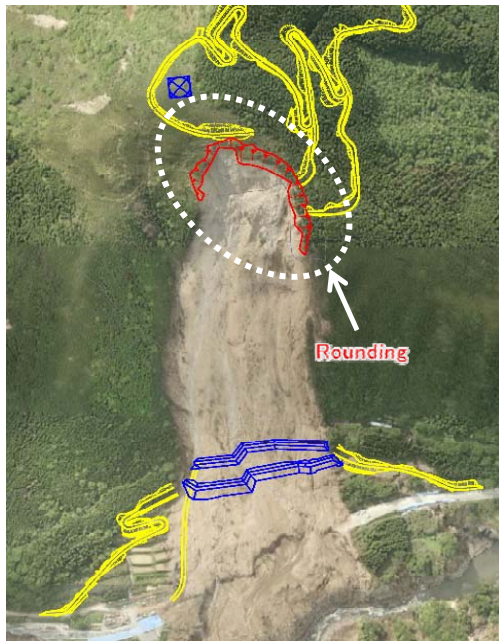


## (1) Lower border of the works

Lower border of elimination was defined by measuring the collapsed surface by UAV, and examining the status of pumice that could trigger falling of stones.



# Status of the works for eliminating unstable earth and sand



Overview of method of construction [Safety climber method]



Airlift of separated slope power shovel at height to the top area



August 8th

Assembly of the separated slope power shovel at height



August 10th

Operation of slope power shovel at heights



August 31st

Status of the works



Collapsed slope viewed from the top





# Status of the works for eliminating unstable earth and sand

Before the works

August 23rd

- Elimination of unstable sands, stones that may trigger falling of stones
- Start of works: August 31th by using three slope power shovel at height
- Completed in two months and half on November 10<sup>th</sup>



Lower border of the works

Status of the works

October 25<sup>th</sup>

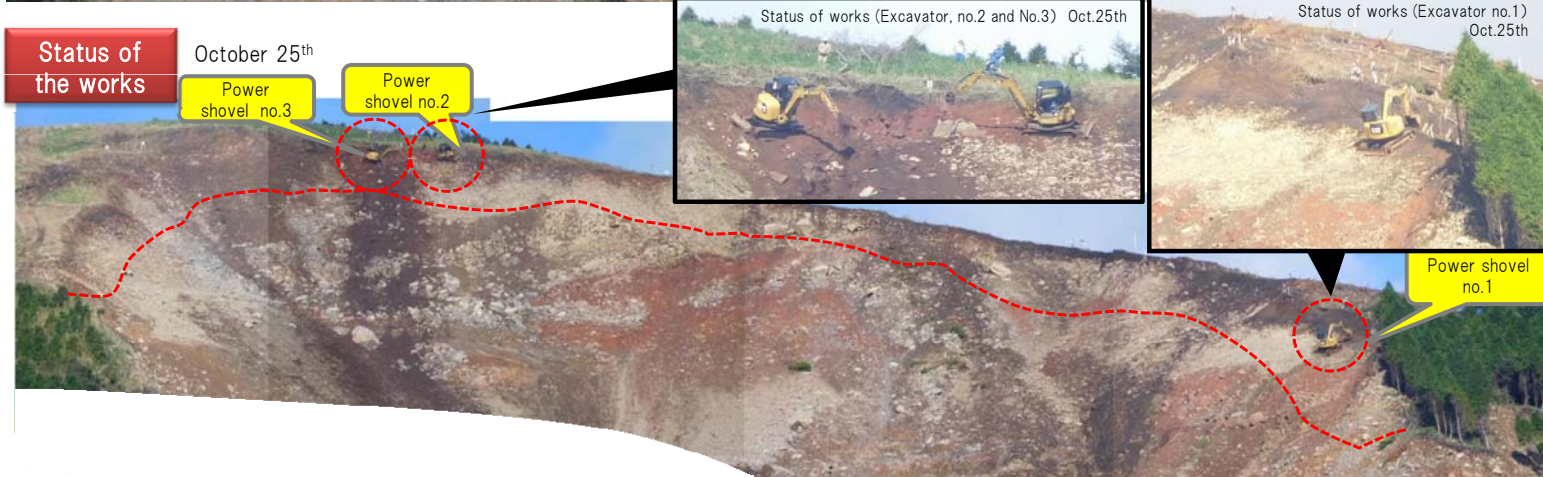
Power shovel no.3

Power shovel no.2

Status of works (Excavator, no.2 and No.3) Oct.25th

Status of works (Excavator no.1) Oct.25th

Power shovel no.1

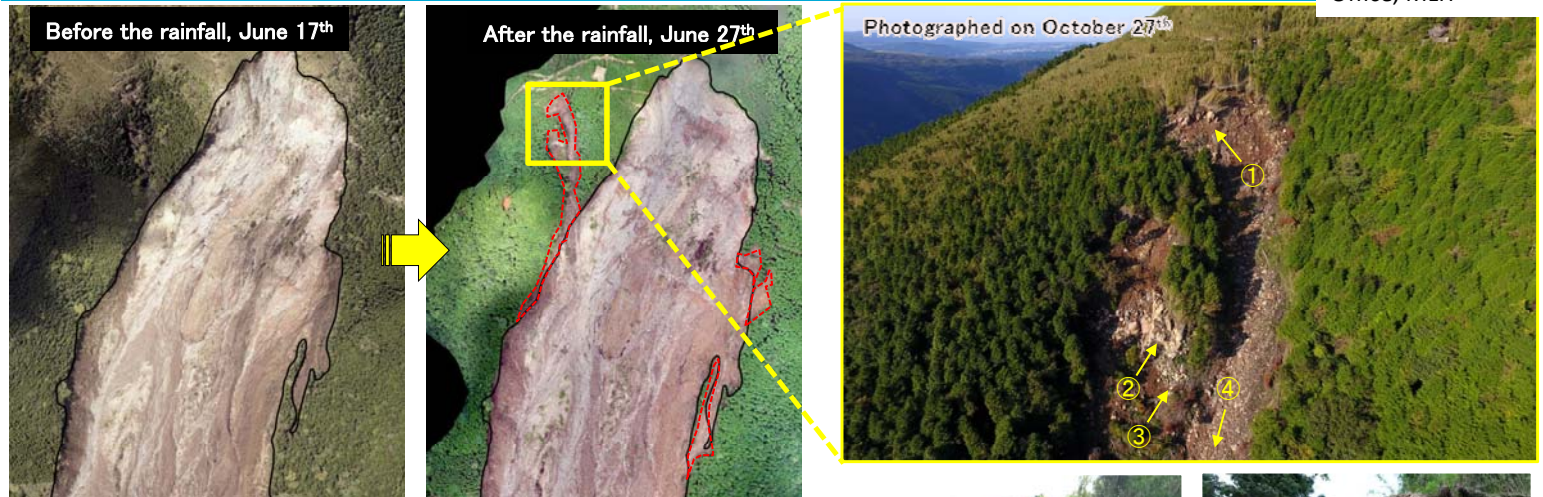


# Elimination of unstable rocks left by gully erosion

Before the rainfall, June 17<sup>th</sup>

After the rainfall, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Photographed on October 27<sup>th</sup>



Heavy rainfall on June 20<sup>th</sup> accelerated the gully erosion

## Rock climbing method of construction



① Unstable rock at the top of gully

② Softening of exposed andesite bedrock

③ Softening of Exposed andesite bedrock

④ Sedimentation of collapsed sand in the gully