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Subject: Permitt to visit Surtsey

The Environment Agency has received a request from Yuki Sugihara on behalf of Colloboration Inc., dated April 24th 2015, with a request about permissions to visit Surtsey July 25th 2015. List of participants was received on July 24th.

Surtsey was declared a nature reserve in 1965. Since then human visits have been restricted to prevent biological contamination and to protect Surtsey's delicate environment. Written permission must be obtained from the Environment Agency of Iceland to visit the island Surtsey and dive inside the nature reserve.

The purpose of the visit is to film material to use in the program titled "Future Heritage" which is an educational nature one-off special shoe, which features magnificent nature around the world that we need to leave to the future. In Japan there is quite similar island, named Nishinoshima. It is a volcanic island, which was enlarged in 1974 after fresh eruptions created a new section of the island. Another eruption that began in November 2013 further enlarged the island. Nishinoshima is still erupting and entering the island is currently prohibited. Since the eruption in 2013, the people of Japan have found the new land created by volcanoes very interesting. In Surtsey the plan is to film Surtsey to experience the mystery of the birth of an island as well as looking ahead to the future of Nishinoshima. The group would travel to the island by boat. In order to take landscape films from above the film crew would like to use drone and the flight high would be 10-50 meters.

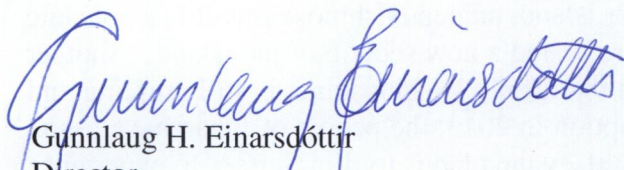
The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants the film crew of Future Heritage permit to visit Surtsey. The permit is subjected to the following conditions:

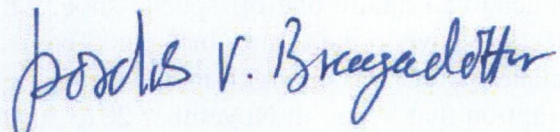
- The permit only applies to the following participants
 - Katsumi Asano
 - Kojiro Mochizuki
 - Daisuke Takagi
 - Dale Irwin Sanders
 - Yuki Sugihara
 - Arni Pall Einarsson
- All clothing, shoes, filming equipment and luggage must be cleaned before departure to Surtsey to ensure that no organisms, plant material, soil and other biological material is transported to the island so the ecosystem may develop without human interference.

- The length of stay is limited to half a day July 25th with July 26th as backup plan in case of weather conditions.
- Special care must be taken not to disturb the sensitive nature of Surtsey. It is not allowed to spoil geological formation, vegetation or disturb wildlife.
- Anything that may threaten the unique value of World Heritage site is prohibited.
- Use of drone is allowed with restrictions in part of the island where it does not disturb animal life. Areas closed to the drone will be determined on site based on nesting areas of the birds and their distribution during the time filming will take place. Flight height can also be restricted for same reasons
- It is not allowed to leave anything behind and all garbage and other waste must be removed from the island at departure.
- No drinking water is on the island and you will need to bring that with you. There are also no lavatory facilities.
- When the film will be published it must be stated that the island is protected for nature conservation and that ecological development, both biology and geology, is to take place without human interference. Also that no one is allowed to visit the island or dive inside the nature reserve without written permission from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

The site manager for Surtsey will accompany you in this trip and will be your guide around the island and monitor the filming. You will need to pay a fee 11.200 isl kr. per hour for his service and all his expenses including travel and food during the stay in Surtsey. Please contact us in good advance to let us know when the expedition will take place so he can be available and meet you.

Sincerely


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