

Enlightenment program, Talk to us about Aso Geopark

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We have continued to run educational programs about Aso Geopark to raise awareness and understanding of the area. From the end of 2011, we have been developed new programs toward some groups of eight towns and villages.

I would like to introduce to you here.

[Goals]

1. We hope that local residents within Aso Geopark will be more able to give information about their own area and daily lives with better knowledge of their area and training.
2. We want to share our enthusiasm with the local people for geopark activity.
3. The local people have the very best information about their own districts and have been vital sources for Geosite research of the areas
4. This time participants have included tourist association, association of commerce and industry, the landladies of traditional inns Okami, workers from the travel agent and residents' association members. This direct involvement by the participants will generate new activities with their own ideas.

[Contents]

1. Explanation by a secretariat, 10 min.
To qualify as a member of Global Geopark Network
2. Fill in a questionnaire, 5 min.
About the geosites around the area
3. Explanation by an instructor, 50 min.
Outline of Aso Geopark and geosites
4. Questions and Answers, 15min.
5. Opinion poll, 10min.

[Instructor]

The 3 members of academic adviser

[Period and participants]

From December 2011 to February 2012

[Tasks for the future]

Some participants are very interested in the geopark or the geosites and they made many questions to the instructor, on the other side some are dull response. And we admit regional differences in our area.

From now on, we hope that local people have widely understanding and interests about Aso geopark.

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