

Present state and Future outlook of Mishimamura Geopark Project

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Mishimamura Village intends to become a member of Japanese Geopark Network deesterilizing its natural, historical, and cultural background. The village consists of three islands. The central island, Satsuma Iwo-Jima is located at the edge of Kikai Caldera, which erupted about 7300 years ago. Its volcanic, fumarolic, and hydrothermal activities are very good resources of tourism. In relation with these activities, historical sulfur mining, sulfur trading, and appearance on palaeographies are also good resources of tourism. In addition, a famous Kabuki actor comes to play because of historical background of the island, and famous djembe player comes to play djembe with children in the island. In spite of these interesting resources, the village has not constructed sightseeing tours that organize these resources. Here, the village started to deesterilize these resources in order to vitalize the village. In this presentation, I will present our original approach and future plan to be a member of Japanese Geopark Network.

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