

JGN National Training meeting Summary - The current state and issue of Geoguide development -

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In the various geoparks around the country special features, required knowledge, and original curriculum has been established and geoguide training is progressing. However, in Kirishima, there are more than a few areas that have concerns over the content, length and so forth of the curriculum. Also, due to the differences in shape and environment of the features such as mountains, beaches, and islands the crisis management skills required of guides is substantial and various forms of support will be needed.

At the November 2013 JGN National Training Meeting held in Kirishima Geopark, geoguide development was the chosen theme. Local guides gave presentations and shared information on current conditions and issues and then participated in a lively group debate on the topic of risk management. With the information gleaned from this training meeting compiled with general information a report detailing the objectives of Kirishima Geopark guide development will follow.

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