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Three-Dimensional Multi-Channel Seismic Survey in the Seismogenic Zone, off Tokai district -Preliminary Result-

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1.Tokai thrust and Kodaiba fault characterize the geological structure of this area. These fault systems are reverse fault which dip angle is about 10 degrees to the land direction.

2.Geological sedimentation structure near the sea floor are deformed by the faults. This means that fault systems of this area is still active.

The Decollement between subducting Philippines plate and the Nankai wedge relate to the two major thrust. The duplex structure is observed upper part of the Decollement. The strong reflection which is interpreted as upper part of oceanic crust or Decollement can be seen around 7-7.5s (Two-way-Time).