

Acceptance of plate tectonic theory in Japan(No.1)

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While plate tectonic theory had been accepted by American geologists in the 1970s, it had not been accepted by Japanese geologists till the 1980s. It is not clear why the acceptance of plate tectonic theory was delayed in Japan. I will try to clear up the reason. To begin with I surveyed the descriptions of earth science textbooks in the 1970s.