

Active fault mapping project in Mie Prefecture for motivating people to develop awareness regarding disaster mitigation

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The government of Mie Prefecture began a project for mapping active faults in collaboration with active researchers from Nagoya University, Toyo University, and Aichi Technical University. This project aims to provide adequate responses to the citizen's demands for precise locality information pertaining to active faults, and contribute toward motivating the citizens to develop awareness regarding disaster mitigation. Although several active fault maps have already been published, they do not coincide with each other. Therefore, it is necessary not only to create a new map but also carefully explain the reasons for identifying individual active fault traces. Regional governments should assume the responsibility of providing explanation regarding information on active faults; this information is crucial for regional hazard assessment.