

Toward the development of Geoparks in Japan

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The promotion of Geoparks in Japan is ten years behind from Europe and China. In Japan there are many characteristic geological features related active island arcs. Volcanic activities are very common all over Japan. This is the quite unique geological situation in highly developed countries. The activities of development of Japanese geoparks has started about two years ago by the strong initiative of Mr. Satoru Ohya who was passed away recently. In order to realize his dream come true, it is very important to establish a national geopark committee in Japan as soon as possible to answer the nees of local geopark organizations.