

Geopark activities in Japan

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Since 2005, Geological Society of Japan and Geological Survey of Japan have been promoting Geopark in Japan. In 2007, several meetings and symposium on Geopark were held and attract public interest in Geopark. After June 2007, when Asahi Shinbun reported activities to promote Geopark in Japan by Geological Society of Japan and Geological Survey of Japan, many local governments started their activities on Geopark while some had been conducting their activities before that. These local governments established a liaison council for Geopark promotion in December 2007.

Now Japan Geopark Committee (JGC) and Japan Geopark Network (JGN) are in preparation. JGC is a committee for evaluation and authorization of Geoparks, and JGN is a network of Japanese Geoparks and will work for promoting and advertising Japanese Geoparks. JGC and JGN will play a important role on Japanese Geopark activities.