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## **GEOtourism as ECOtourism: for understanding regions from viewpoints of 'GEO'.**

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Arguments about geopark and geotourism have not enough pervade Japanese society. However, they are really important to deepen people's understanding of the natural environment and to conserve it.

This presentation shows some ideas on 'GEO as ECO' tourism. The elements of geotourism are necessary for ecotourism for better understanding of regions from viewpoints of 'GEO'. Moreover, Geography can contribute more to society if we adopt this concept.