

## **Economic development of regional community and role of university-Case of Ibaraki University**

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Economic circumstances of regional communities have been more and more severe lately. On the other hand the business conditions of local national universities also has been harsh after they were turned into independent administrative entities in 2004. It is necessary for the Ibaraki University as a local national one to cooperate with the regional communities in Ibaraki prefecture to found Geopark. I would like to present the strategy and the system of the cooperation of the Ibaraki University with the regional communities. The geo-tour is the important project in the Geopark. The maintenance of geo-sites and the cultivation of geo-interpretors are requisite for the geo-tour management. The students of the Ibaraki University made the geo-tour maps using the ubiquitous communication system. We are now preparing the educational curriculum for the geo-interpretor.