

Preparation for welcome people from abroad to Itoigawa Geopark

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Itoigawa Geopark became the candidate for the Global Geopark assisted by UNESCO from Japan last October.

Preparation workings for welcome people from foreign countries to Itoigawa Geopark have been carrying out as followings.

(1)Preparing 24 geosites having its unique theme to make geological heritages more attractive and easy to understand by visitors.

(2)Improvement of two geological museums as information centers of the Geopark.

(3)Preparing educational programs for children and general publics to understand phenomena of the Geopark, including communication through tour guides.

(4)Establishment of tour system to visit 24 geosites safely without getting lost using regular tour bus services, taxis, rail system and cars.

(5) Organization of Itoigawa Geopark Council consisting of representatives from economic, industrial, academic, citizens and public administrative sectors, and setting up of Citizens Society for the Promotion of Itoigawa Geopark supporting the council.