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## Development and utilization of geological information in Ibaraki Prefecture -Application for North Ibaraki Geopark plan-

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Geopark is a nature park with important scientific inheritance and has been famous as the resource for scientific sightseeing in Japan. There are 14 Geoparks(JGN) in Japan in January 2011. The activity of the construction of Geopark is growing and the locations of it will increase in the days ahead. North Ibaraki area is one of them. The Ibaraki University Geological Information Utilizing Project, which has been established in 2007, is composed mainly of the Ibaraki University students. We have made 14 "Geological Sightseeing Map" and "North Ibaraki Geological Point Map". These maps are very useful for geo-tours. Now, our project is working as a member of the committee of the North Ibaraki Geopark Plan.

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