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## Natural environment and people's lives based on geodiversity -Case studies in the San'in Kaigan Geopark?

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The natural environment and people's lives exist upon regional geodiversity, and are changing according to geohistory. Geoparks, now attracting attention as an approach for sustainable development, can create and utilize the connection between geological and geographical resources and the natural environment, culture, industry, etc.

In the San'in Kaigan Geopark covering three prefectures, we can observe geological features, the natural environment and people's lives, all related to the formation of the Sea of Japan. It is important not only for sightseeing but also for disaster reduction and a sustainable development to know the relationship between geodiversity and the natural environment, culture and industry. Moreover, giving a geological meaning to local resources leads to branding of the regional community.

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