

The measure for the Great East Japan Earthquake and the "Sanriku geopark concept"

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There are a lot of famous scenic spots such as the precious geology of the Mesozoic and the Paleozoic along the coastal area of Iwate Prefecture. The Iwate Sanriku Geopark promotion conference was established based on above the theme on Feb. 2011.

The conference was stopped temporarily during the great east Japan earthquake period, For the purpose of post-disaster recovery and reconstruction, the scientific expert committee was established, and the promotion conference of The Iwate Sanriku Geopark was restarted.

After that we have done many efforts on preservation disaster ruins and have carried out a new geopark initiative.

In order to tell our memory of tsunami disaster to future generation, the first thing we did is that review the contents of initiative, the secondly is that added the phenomenon of tsunami hazard and post-disaster recovery to the theme of our association, finally restarted our program based on above result.

A tsunami disaster has a characteristic that no any trace remained after disaster. Although many tsunami disasters occurred repeatedly in the past, and many people were killed by large disasters, the sign of the plate level in which the height of tsunami will be remained sometimes, but it is not so much. Another reason why natural trace cannot remain easily is that the rubble will be removed after disaster. As result, the scenery of tsunami disaster is remained in memory of people's only.

Furthermore, some people have negative opinions on preservation of disaster ruins for the purposes of forgetting sad memory. But the disaster ruins can transfer a strong message to future generations, so that the preservation of ruins is becoming a very important thing to protect people's lives who do not know what tsunami is in the future.

Now, the homepage (sanriku-fukkou.net) was opened for the purpose of promotion of the support extension and sightseeing.

The inspection of people, researcher come from university and research institute and local governments has been gotten our help, Furthermore, earthquake disaster revival symposium was held on Nov., last year.

Moreover, some events of research group for the monitor travel and guide training for children have been started.

Aiming for geopark authentication of Japan, the promotion conference will enlarge the range of activities from now on.

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