Activities for Geopark registration (Shikoku’s Seiyo-Kurosegawa area-)

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Our city is located in western Shikoku and is 515 square kilometers in area. Our region has an elevation difference between 0 and 1400 meters above sea level, and there are many regional treasures. Regional treasures include Shikoku Karst which has valuable topography, plants and animals; the Uwa Basin which has a traditional street, many old buildings and ancient tombs; the Northern Uwakai Sea area which has wonderful views, rias coastlines and terraced fields; and a preserved traditional culture.

Another regional treasure is the Kurosegawa Tectonic Zone, an important stratum extending from Kyushu through Shikoku to Kanto via the Kii Peninsula. It is the oldest stratum in Japan dating back more than 400 million years, and our city is the birth of its study. Kurosegawa Tectonic Zone is an indispensable stratum for investigating the origin of the Japanese Islands.

Through this poster exhibition we will introduce the nature and ecological systems, and the cultures of our region which reaches from the sea to the village to the mountains. We will also introduce our activities from last year for Geopark.

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