

## Geosites information in Amakusa Islands

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Amakusa Geopark Plan will start consultation for Amakusa Geopark in 2010. The plan will start at the Goshoura area and will eventually cover all of the Amakusa Islands. After that, an application will be made to add Amakusa Geopark to the Global Geopark Network.

There are many important geologic aspects including valuable fossils of dinosaurs, mammals and mollusks in the Goshoura area. There are over 40 educational spots for finding fossils in the area, a fossil park, a show-house of ammonite and others with plates for explanation, not to mention various dinosaur remains. Sea taxi or rent yourself a bicycle takes you to these geosites and short trip programs giving for elementary, school students and tourists, which include taking fossils, learning a traditional fishing method called tontoko-ryo and a home-stay plan from 2001. The Goshoura area was selected as the 'top 100 geologic areas in Japan' in May 2006 and Amakusa Goshoura geopark in October 2009.

We planed two excursions in the Amakusa area on the 5th international UNESCO conference on Geoparks in Unzen Volcanic Area Global Geopark. Pre-conference Excursion plan is an overnight trip to the Cruising tour of the Amakusa Islands and Amakusa Goshoura Geopark. Post-conference Excursion is two overnight tours of Geosites of the Amakusa Islands and Amakusa Goshoura Geopark. We make better based on the participants questionnaire, satisfaction for feelings, impression, price of tour fee, service, entertainment, hospitality etc...

Amakusa Geopark Promote Conference had a meeting consultation for "Amakusa Geopark" in 2010 and will apply to the Japanese Geopark Committee. Within three years from that time, Amakusa area will apply to have Amakusa Geopark join the Global Geoparks Network. Purpose of the Amakusa Geopark Plan are increase in the nonresident population, regional development for increase in the nonresident population, local patriotism, and the commercial activity in Amakusa area, based on good effect of Amakusa Goshoura Geopark activities. We promote the "Amakusa Geopark" for original geopark activity (Amakusa style) and keep the sustainable development in Amakusa area.

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