

The Activities of MLIT on the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark

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The national flood control project in the Tedorigawa River by MLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport & Tourism) is deeply related to the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark themes 'the journey of water and rocks'.

Some sabo structures in the geopark, constructed in the early Showa era, are designated as a Civil Engineering Heritage and as Registered Tangible Cultural Properties. MLIT, as a member of the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark Promotion Council, offers learning opportunities that allow people to look closely at these structures.

A massive flood, the most disastrous in history to that point, occurred in the Tedorigawa River in 1934. A huge rock known as the Shiramine Hyakumangan-no-iwa Rock (literally 4,800 ton rock) that cascaded along with it now sits neatly in the middle of the river. It is a reminder of the sheer scale of the event and is visited on elementary school field trips or on the geo-tours.

Opened in 2001, the Hakusan Sabo Science Museum introduces scientific information on landslide control measures based on the nature, geology, history, and lifestyle of Mt. Hakusan through video and exhibits in cooperation with the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark Promotion Council and is visited annually by more than 10,000 people.

The Ishikawa Coast Field Museum, managed in collaboration with the geopark, is an outdoor museum located on a coastal area that offers information on local history and the formation of the coast.

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