

A practical use of geoparks as university educational materials

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The purpose of this presentation is to show the practical use of geoparks as university education and to discuss the relationship between local universities and local communities. Tottori University of Environmental Studies opens four classes of *Project Research* for freshmen and sophomore. The classes of Geoparks started in 2012. The aim of the geopark classes is to learn the method of a field survey. There were various topics on geoparks; for freshmen, the development of virtual geotour, the land use survey of Yoshioka hot springs town and the development of geo product, and for sophomore, the development of geo guided tour at Aoshima of Koyamaike Lake and the regional survey of Yoshioka. These output share with local communities and geoparks. It becomes clear that a geopark makes a good use of social learning.

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