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Geopark

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Looking at the landscape constructed by the activity of the earth, tasting vegetables and fruits produced by the blessing of nature, we learn the natural phenomena, regional history and culture of the geoparks.

The basic characteristics of nature of Japan islands are earthquake occurrence, volcanic eruption and tsunami. Japan's geoparks are located along the deformation belt and are also the parks of the earth where the culture of the Japanese people who have lived in natural disasters is introduced.

On December 2013, thirty three geoparks has been certified by the Japan Geopark Committee. Six of them have been certified to join the Global Geopark Network. We will continue to learn from the beauty of nature of Japanese archipelago, and introduce it to people of the world.

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