

Summary of the evaluation process of Japan Geopark Committee

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Japan Geopark Committee (JGC) has started its evaluation of prospective geoparks in 2008. Geopark specialists from the geoparks of Japanese Geoparks Network (JGN) joined as on-site evaluators in 2012.

Dossiers are evaluated by the JGC member and they decide which candidate should be further evaluated on-site. JGC decides a on-site evaluator and a assistant evaluator for each candidate area from those who are well experienced person in one of Geopark. One JGC member and two evaluator conduct a on-site evaluation for 2-3 days. Detailed evaluation report based on the dossier and the on-site survey is written by them and submitted to the JGC. JGC that is composed of eleven member make a final decision on each application.

Check list for the evaluation are revised every year by JGC and on-site evaluation from the geoparks.

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