

The efforts of Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark

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The area of Sakurajima-Kinkowan is certificated as Japanese National Geopark in September of 2013.

We organized the guide tours and seminars to increase the opportunity to experience the geological attractiveness and feature that could be proud of Sakurajima-Kinkowan. Also, we broadened the people who are involved in geopark such as holding the events named "Geo-Kids" for children or "Geo-Cafe" for women and young people.

Also, we launched a working group as a beginning to broaden the member of our geopark. The volcanic ash is troublesome and gives the negative image to the people in Kagoshima; however the environment that volcanic ash falls almost every day is a distinctive characteristic of Kagoshima which is rare in the world. Therefore, the working group organizes the event to rethink how to coexist with an active volcano by introducing the examples of the way to utilize the volcanic ash.

Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark promotion council promotes various kinds of activities for citizens to participate in the geopark and raise the awareness of geopark.

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