

Lecture of physical geography with topics of geopark for students of University of Nagasaki, southwest Japan

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Lecture of physical geography in the University of Nagasaki was prepared for first- to forth-years students of all faculties. The lecture focused on regional geography and includes topics of geopark. The tour of Unzen Volcanic Area Global Geopark was impressive activity for student participants. Geology, geomorphology, hazard, history, vegetation, industry were explained comprehensively at five geosites. A questionnaire survey in 2015 indicated that geopark has become familiar with university students for several years and a field tour would be an useful teaching method for facilitating interest and concern on geopark . Geopark is a scheme and an actual example of a concept of regional geography.

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