

## Background of the Geologist Teiichi Kobayashi's Conception of 'Geoscience'

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When the geologist Teiichi Kobayashi (1901-1996) published a paper on earth sciences education in 1942, he included not only geology but also astronomy and geophysics as teaching materials. During the post-war period he was engaged in the establishment of the educational category 'earth sciences' or *chigaku* namely 'geoscience'. In this paper, I examine the background of Kobayashi's conception of 'geoscience', pointing especially to the development of theories of the evolution of the universe and the popularization of them from 1910s to 1930s.

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