

Volcano Gift from the South - Let's go to the Izu Peninsula Geopark!

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Izu Peninsula is the only part located on the Philippine Sea Plate in Honshu. This part was originally a group of volcanic islands and submarine volcanoes in the South Seas. These islands and volcanoes drifted by the northward motion of the Philippine Sea Plate and collided with Honshu island (the main island of Japan) about 600,000 years ago to form a peninsula. Even now, volcanic activity and crustal movements continue in this peninsula. As a result, various "Gifts" of nature such as abundant hot springs, spring water and natural scenery are enjoyed by the people of the peninsula.

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