Sado Island Geopark guides have just started to produce their own guided tour

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Sado Island Geopark Promotion Council has given much support to Sado Island Geopark Guide Association to hold their workshops and to operate their geotours since it was established. Guides have just started to produce their new courses since 2015. We have a lot of guided-tours in the southern area. On the contrary, we don’t have many tours in the eastern and northern area. Then, geoguides have just started to have workshops to research the area and to produce new courses. Their own workshops and researches work incredibly well to make new interesting courses. Moreover, each guide can feel more responsibilities and affection on their own courses through activities.

2. Write down everything such as food, culture and tradition in their hometown or favorite area

3. Link everything, which you wrote down in 2, together

4. Consider the relationship with the earth When they needed some advice for references and further information of geological geology and geomorphology, Sado Island Geopark Promotion Council gave much help to every guide, especially when they did method 4. We’ve already had workshops twice in the past and in these workshops, 8 new courses were produced. Also, each group of guides often visits the area to study on their own. These courses are the first geo-tour-courses with using these methods. Now, we will have some workshops to produce some new courses to make it commercialize.

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