Activity Report of the Snow Country Geoparks Forum in Yuzawa

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Some geological sites are isolated by heavy snow in the winter in snow country geoparks. Geotourisms activities are curtailed in this season. Heavy snow is resource of the geopark. We have to utilize the heavy snow. We convened the Snow Country Geoparks Forum in Yuzawa Geopark. In this forum, we discussed about how to use heavy snow for the tourisms in the winter. The Snow Country Geopark Forum was held on February 12, 2016. The number of participants exceeds 120 in the Forum. We held the workshop for the goetourisms activities in the winter after the Forum. This is the first time for the Forum to discuss the geotourisms in the winter with some Snow Country Geoparks.

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