

Outreach of geography by training sessions for renewing educational personnel certificate

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The author performed a training session based on geographical contents for renewing Educational Personnel Certificate in August 2017 at Chiba Institute of Science, Chiba Prefecture, central Japan. The session was held as three types of active learning. Field work was an outdoor wandering to enjoy local nature in Choshi area. In-class practice was composed of interpretation of old and present topographical maps, and aerial photographs. Completion examination was presentations using illustration drawings. Twenty participants comprising teachers of nursery, elementary, junior-high and high schools generally satisfied with the session, and evaluated it to be useful enough for their own school lessons. Such sessions based on active learning are effective as an outreach of geography for school teachers who are not specialized in geography.

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