

## The connection between earth sciences and society by Geoparks -Understanding of geological importance of regional resources by local Residents in case of San' in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark

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Regional self-support is very important things in local community. And one of the important roles of geopark activities is resident understanding of the regional resources and features. For this purpose, it is important that local residents participate in geopark activities positively. However, in Japan, where local development has been undertaken by governmental organizations, it is difficult for local residents to take part in geopark activities. So, we planned to research the geological feature with local residents and making "Geopark tour maps" in cooperation with local people, to promote better understanding and communication with local people, government and academia involved in geopark activities. Local residents could understand geological features through this activity. And now, we started disaster self-prevention activity by local residents to guard their life.

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