

# Efforts of ‘Grant-in-aid for Science Research in San’ in Kaigan UGGp’

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## 1. Sanin Kaigan Geopark Promotion Council

The San’ in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark is a bounded area comprising the entire municipalities of Kyotango City in Kyoto Prefecture; Toyooka City, Kami Town, and Shin’ onsen Town in Hyogo Prefecture; and Iwami Town in Tottori Prefecture; and the northern part of the municipality of Tottori City in Tottori Prefecture.

The San’ in Kaigan UGGp provides territorial cohesion as an area featuring natural scenery with a wide variety of rocks, strata, coastal landforms, and inland waterfalls and gorges, which show the span of history from the times when the Japanese Archipelago was not yet separated from the Asian Continent, through the formation of the Japan Sea, to the present. The Geopark area has also been home to unique human lifestyles based on such natural features.

In 2007, San’ in Kaigan Geopark Promotion Council was established. San’ in Kaigan Geopark was certified as a member of Japanese Geoparks Network (JGN) in 2008 and Global Geoparks Network (GGN) in 2010.

Since the foundation, grant-in-aid program for science research has been conducted. For the revalidation of GGN every four years, this research program plays the important role. This program called

‘Grant-in-aid for Science Research in San’ in Kaigan UGGp’ has been continued since 2009. Through this program, we have awarded 77 researches the grants.

On the other hand, current conditions and challenges are that the latest researches reported every year are not used enough to activate Geopark.

In this presentation, we discuss how this 10-year program had effected on San’ in Kaigan UGGp and researchers who awarded the grant.