

Understanding of regional scientific importance 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 scientific importance and features. UNESCO Global Geoparks give international recognition for sites that promote the importance and significance of protecting the Earth's geodiversity through actively engaging with the local communities. For this purpose, it is important that local residents participate in geopark activities positively. However, it is difficult for local residents to understand regional scientific importance and local geological phenomena. So, we started “geo-communication” with local people. For example, we created “Geopark foot pass” and “geopark walking map” 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. In this poster, I would like to introduce our “geo-communication” activities.

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