

Geomorphology and geology of pilgrimage grottoes in mountain region, northern part of Oita Prefecture, Japan

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In this study, geomorphological and geological field research is conducted for discovering the relations between natural environments and pilgrimage sites that are located in the mountainous region of the Kunisaki Peninsula, Oita Prefecture, southwest Japan. The research exhibits that pilgrimage sites that are located at the cliffs appear as volcanic breccia at the Pleistocene formation.

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