

## Sustainable dissemination activities realized through the partnership "Making the stone specimen in Hakusan Tedorigawa Japanese Geopark"

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One of the real pleasures of the Geopark is that people from various perspectives collaborate, looking at the region from the viewpoint of Earth sciences. Our goal is to understand and share each goal and achieve them through the partnership in the field of the Geopark. We believe that active interest in the region, thinking together, and taking action are the steps we should take for sustainable development of the region.

We have held the event entitled "Making the stone specimen in Hakusan Tedorigawa Japanese Geopark" for elementary school students and their parents since 2017. This event utilizes a field of the Geopark, aiming to make children, as the next generation, have interests in nature and natural science.

On Saturday 5 October 2019, 28 pairs of children over the fourth grade in elementary schools and their guardians joined the event. After learning stones and how to distinguish them, they collected stones and made the stone specimens with students from various countries and others using hammers, loupes, and medicinal liquids. We hope that they know the origin of the Earth from the formation of the "familiar stones" under their foot, and have a chance to learn the grace and the disaster brought by the Earth and the relationship with people's lives.

We learn the curiosity of the children as well as guardians about the stone and nature. Besides, a questionnaire conducted after the event shows that children are strongly interested in "familiar natures" such as fossils and pieces of jewelry in addition to stones. We also explore the new activities on the theme of "familiar natures". We hope to continue with the Geopark activities that lead to the sustainable development of the region and the securing and training of new leaders.

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