

Revised action plan for the first time in four years, created through direct dialogue with local residents

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The San'in Kaigan Geopark is reviewing its action plan every four years, and FY2019 was the year of revision. The revision work started in September and took five months to complete at the end of January. The reason we spent so long was to have a chance to talk with all the stakeholders.

Behind this is the Japan Geopark Commission's 2017 report. In other words, there is a lack of information sharing and discussion among stakeholders to determine the future direction of the Geopark. "Define future directions." The action plan is the foremost of this. The amendment has been discussed frankly with all stakeholders involved.

The San'in kaigan Geopark is 120 km east and west, and the municipalities consist of three prefectures, three cities and three towns, making it one of the most extensive geoparks in Japan. There are of course many stakeholders. Putting this together, we focused on two things in order to head for Geopark activities with the same vector.

One is that all stakeholders have the opportunity to participate and freely discuss. The other is to reflect as much as possible the opinions expressed in this discussion and make them effective. With the emphasis on these two, the action plan finally completed. The revised content is important, but I think the process has greater meaning. Here are some of them.