Revalidation mission of Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark in 2019 -Strategy of the mission for green card-

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UNESCO obliges Global Geopark revalidation mission every 4 years. Subsequently, the Geopark was judged by UNESCO either green card (certification for 4 years), yellow card (certification for 2 years) or red card (revocation of certification). In 2017, Toya-Usu Global Geopark was given yellow card. 2 years later, the result of next revalidation mission was green card.

In the revalidation mission, UNESCO sends two evaluators to Geopark, and they inspect Geo-site and related facilities based on the UNESCO Geopark criteria.

In this time, we would like to describe about the revalidation mission in Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark in 2019, provide useful information to UNESCO Global Geoparks in Japan or regions which aim to be Global Geopark.

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