

Finished Geopark Japan Geo park Kanto meeting in Shimonita ; and to the next step

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Intro

It is located in Southwest Gunma, and Shimonita town having special products such as the konjac and *Shimonita-negi* is the farming and mountain village that is full of nature. Shimonita town was registered with the Japanese Geopark in 2011, and one Arafune cold storage of the geosite became the world heritage again in 2013. And now, we develop citizen-based town planning which have world heritage and geopark.

In the Geopark Shimonita council, we reviewed the Geopark promotion system pointed out by reexamination of 2015 and installed and academic sectional meeting, a guide sectional meeting, an education sectional meeting, an industrial tourism sectional meeting in the meeting inside. "Japan Geopark Kanto meeting in Shimonita " held preparations while adopting the opinion of each sectional meeting in 2016. In this report, we report the summary of the Kanto meeting that we held with a new system and the present conditions of the Geopark after the meeting.

Japan Geopark Kanto meeting in Shimonita

We held "Japan Geopark Kanto meeting in Shimonita" with *Shimonita-negi* Festival 2016 at the same time on November 20 and 21. Approximately 150 people who play an active part each in each Geopark gathered for this meeting. We set two of the Geopark PR to *Shimonita-negi* Festival participant and the cooperation reinforcement of the Geopark around Kanto area in a concept.

Furthermore, we titled " Let's offer local treasure~ the Geopark that bring up the future of children". We offer the educational activity of the Shimonita Geopark to the outside in the whole meeting; programed it. At the lecture, we heard the lecture that he invited the organization "Shimonita nature research center" where was specialized in science education to Shimonita in an education policy of Gunma and developed an educational activity entitled "origin of the Shimonita Geopark" by Mr. Satomi(Japan geopark shimonita supporting party). We heard a lecture about "the Shimonita learning, native district learning program to have children know the good point with the geopark, " by Mr. Kanbe who was made a teacher in Shimonita junior high school.

And then, we held three subcommittees after a lecture. In the education subcommittee, we performed the discussion that focused on school education and social education. In the guide subcommittee, We held "the trouble discussion of the guide" to be settled through group discussion about being usually troubled with guide activity. In the story subcommittee, we held the workshop which shared the story of the Geopark of the neighborhood through Geopark tour course making. People of the specialized sectional meeting planned these subcommittees and ran it.

The geo-tour of the second day parted in three courses that walk through city space, visit Mt Myogi ,and visit world heritage Garifuna cold storage, and performed it. In course that walk through city space, we classified the class visit of the school into a tour trip and really observed the class scenery of the Shimonita learning.

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We prepared for the plan of the program while hearing the opinion of the person of a meeting and the specialized sectional meeting. Furthermore, we had various groups in the town block cooperate on that day and were able to let a meeting succeed. We were able to strengthen the cooperation in the sectional meeting through Kanto meeting in Shimonita. And we will push forward Geopark activity in the whole area

still more in future.

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