

Fails of Shirataki Geopark –Why our geopark received a “yellow card” on the revalidated process-

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Shirataki Geopark, northern Hokkaido, Japan, was validated as National Geopark on 2010. However, on the revalidation process on 2014, we were informed to take appropriate steps within a two-year period (so-called “yellow card”). Then, on 2016 we were revalidated as National Geopark for a further four-year period (so-called “green card”).

After the revalidation process on 2014, we took an appropriate step to solve the problems about “examination of management structure” and “institution of master and annual plans” . In this study, we summarize the reason why our geopark received a “yellow card” on 2014, and how efforts we took to develop our geopark during 2 years.

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