

At present, there are 40 national geoparks in Japan. Each geopark has a unique history behind its land formations. Visitors can enjoy nature, culture and products developed in each area.

The exhibition of geo harvests, themed "Water connects the earth and humans", renewed and opened on March 2016, tells you a variety of geo-stories related with the local products and the bottled waters from each Japanese geopark.

The exhibition was realized by close collaboration with the Japanese Geoparks Network includes the 7 UNESCO Global Geoparks in Japan. We introduce the exhibition's aim such as to discover the stories between the geological formations on the earth and the day-to-day lives of people, and to take advantage of the opportunity to visit each actual geoparks. Also you can find information about the UNESCO Global Geopark and 120 regions in the exhibition.

1 The Aim of the Starting Geopark for Japanese Geopark

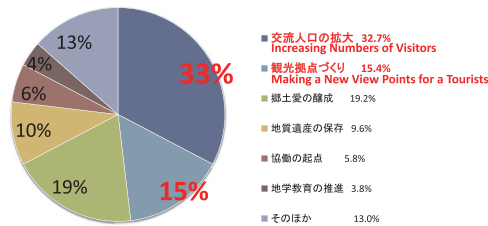


Fig.1. Research of the JGN activities 2015

About 50 percents of Geoparks is Aiming at the "Increasing Numbers of Visitors" or "Making a New View Points for a Tourists"

2 Using "Geo-stories" for Promoting a Geo Tourism

Each geopark has a unique story behind its land formations, nature, culture and products developed in each area. Some of story can tell us the relationship between "geo" and us. We, the members of Japanese geoparks network, call that kind of story a "geo-story". We are gathering and using various geo-stories to introduce the geopark using the story as a familiar example in order to invoke feeling in the reader.

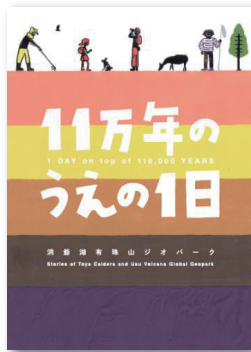


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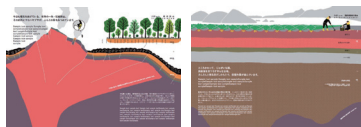


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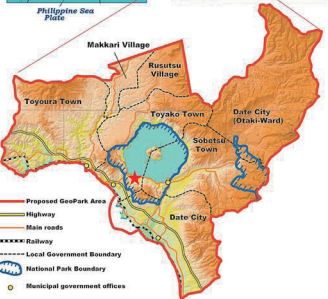
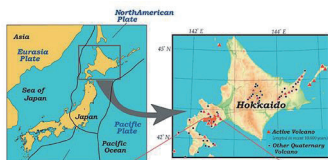


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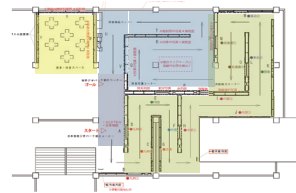
3 Location of the Toya-Uso / Location of the Exhibition

The Toya Caldera and Usu Volcano UNESCO Global Geopark is located in the Hokkaido island on the northern edge of Japan. Hokkaido is at 42 to 45 degrees north latitud. The exhibition is holding in the Toyoko Tourist information center which is located in the central area of the geopark.



★ Toyoko Tourist Information Center

4 The Contents of the Exhibition



- 1 Information of UGG
- 2 JGN Geo-harvests
- 3 Information of Toya-Uso
- 4 Event space

1 The Information of UNESCO Global Geoparks Network



2 JGN Geo-harvests



3 Information of Toya-Uso UNESCO Global Geopark



4 Event Space



5 Future plans of Operation

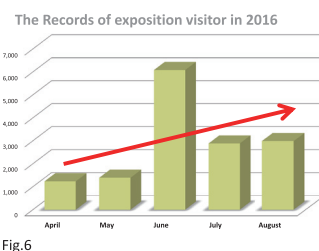


Fig.6

Since renewed and opened on March 2016, the number of the exhibition's visitor is increasing. In order to further use, we are planning that event space can be used as place for educational events, workshops and international / cultural exchange. e.g.)

- Training programs for a guide.
- Explanation of our geopark program for an inspection tour from aspiring geoparks.
- Workshop of geo-harvests.
- Educational lecture of natural disaster reduction for regional school children.

Fig.1. Research of the JGN activities 2015
Fig.2-4 Story Book "1 DAY ON TOP OF 110,000 YEARS"
Fig.5 Toya-Uso Geopark Story Card of TOYOURA
Fig.6 The Records exposition visitor 2016 "The exhibition of geo-harvests"