Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark

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Let's go to the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark and experience “Stories of Earth.”

What is a geopark?

A geopark is a place to learn about connections between “Geodiversity,” “Biodiversity,” and “Culture,” and to enjoy them.

The keyword for the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark is “water” : through Mt. Hakusan, the Tedorigawa River and the Sea of Japan. You can learn how earth was formed by “water” and “rocks,” by looking at a volcano, fossils, gorges and an alluvial fan.

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Water circulates in the geopark. Water from the Sea of Japan falls as snow onto Mt. Hakusan, and then goes back to the Sea of Japan through the Tedorigawa River. Rocks are carried by the water circulation.

**Journey of “water” and “rocks”**

- Snow melts and water flows through the river.
- The river sometimes overflows its banks and transports huge sediment.
- Water causes soil to fall and erodes riverbeds.
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- Water reaches the Sea of Japan.

**Step 1**

There are various types of strata which were deposited over the past 300 million years in foundations of the geopark.

**Step 2**

The journey of “water” and “rocks” resulted in a variety of topography. In addition, the topography is intricately connected to plants and animals.

**Step 3**

People started to live on earth. Water has been nurturing history, culture and industry.

**Step 4**

On the other hand, water threatens people’s lives and their properties. However, people who live in the geopark have the wisdom to protect themselves from flood damage, and have been trying to coexist with water.

**Geoparks Network**

The Global Geoparks Network which UNESCO has been supporting since 2004, has 111 members in 32 countries. 7 geoparks are certified as members of the GGN in Japan.

Japan Geoparks Network has 29 other members. They have been promoting geoparks and aiming to be members of the GGN (As of September 22, 2014).

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