

A Way of Creating Conservation Activities for Aso UNESCO GEOPARK

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Abstract

Through cross-sectional and comprehensive learning, students can develop the qualities and abilities to discover and solve various issues related to themselves, their communities, and their society, while thinking about their own way of life. At Takamori Senior High School, some activities to understand the organization of the local government are conducted in order to discover and solve problems for regional revitalization. From this year, the format has been changed so that the research activities can be continued for three years. Members of Industry Bureau have been working on conservation activities for Aso UNESCO GEOPARK through cleaning activities, doing geo site check, creating a website and pamphlet. Moreover, their activities and results of their research were showed to World GEOPARK Committee. Geoparks must take a recertification examination every four years and this is the year. We hope that our activities will help to pass the examination.

Current Status



Aso Geopark:
Aso Caldera - One of the largest caldera in the world
Long history of volcanoes, spring water and grassland
made into a UNESCO Global Geopark in 2015



1. Understand the geosites

2 **Tateno is the only place, caldera wall was cut off**

Terrain like this

3 **Kingdom shooting location**

1 **Rakuda means camel
It looks like camell**

Photo by 山本

What is Geosite Check?

Checking for general access to geosites

One of the goals is to maintain this area

Geosite check items

- Can you visit safely and without inconvenience?
- Can you enjoy and understand this site easily?

Cleaning activities for nearby Raiborayama

Weed removal and garbage picking on Mt. Rakuda

- Students can write on their career passport
- Exchange with local people
- Town area revitalization

Managed by Aso Geopark Committee of our activity last time



3.Promote Aso Geopark



Present status of 3 sites

	weed	Calderaside road	information	public restroom	parking
Mr. Rakuda	X	O	X	X	O
Mr. Rakan	X	X	X	X	X
Tateno Canyon	O	O	O	O	O

Our recent activity: Online lecture on Aso-Geopark with Dr. Kagiyama



Pamphlet



Result & Discussion

Our research was presented to the World GEOPARK Committee on the 14th of October. The result as to whether the ASO UNESCO GEOPARK can be recertified, will be announced in the middle of December.

Now, we are planning some activities. One is the promotion for Aso GEOPARK by using SNS. Other events are the stamp rally and the riddle-solving tour. Lastly, is a networking event to connect with high school students, whose schools are near or in the GEOPARK not only in Japan but also in the world.



Present activity 2

- Promotion using SNS
- Events such as stamp rally

A Riddle-Solving Tour



Collaborating Institutions

ASO UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK



ASO VOLCANO MUSEUM



GEOPARK DOJO



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