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Itoigawa City Tourism Exchange Division
Itoigawa Geopark Council

Revalidation as Japanese Geopark - Comment from Chairman Yoneda

Today, the 9th of December 2016, at the 29th meeting of the Japanese Geoparks Committee in Tokyo, Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark was revalidated as a Japanese Geopark.

In response to this news, Chairman of the Itoigawa Geopark Council and Mayor of Itoigawa City Toru Yoneda gave the following comment:

I am very pleased to receive the news of our Geopark's revalidation as a Japanese Geopark.

This revalidation is in recognition of the great efforts of the local people of Itoigawa, each working in their respective fields. I feel both pride and gratitude for everyone's support.

Our Geopark will undergo revalidation next year for our UNESCO Global Geopark status. I look forward to working with the people of Itoigawa to continue to improve the quality of our Geopark together

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Toru Yoneda, Chairman and Mayor

◇Plans to Publicize Itoigawa's Revalidation

- ① Posting in Japanese and English on Itoigawa's homepage, Facebook and Twitter.
- ② Hanging posters at Itoigawa GeoStation GeoPal, Itoigawa Station, Itoigawa City Office, Nou and Omi Branch Offices, the Fossa Magna Museum, the Chojagahara Archaeological Museum, Itoigawa City Folk History Museum, Oyashirazu Pier Park and Marine Dream Nou.

(More Info) History and Schedule of Geopark Validation

- 8 Dec 2008 Certified as Japanese Geopark
- 22 Aug 2009 Certified as Global Geopark (Joined Global Geopark Network)
- 28 Jan 2012 1st Revalidation as Japanese Geopark
- 9 Sep 2013 1st Revalidation as Global Geopark
- 15-16 Nov 2016 Japanese Geoparks Network Revalidation Mission
- May – Aug 2017 UNESCO Global Geopark Revalidation Mission (Est.)

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