

Japanese Geopark Recertification and a Message from Chairman Yoneda

Today, (January 28th), at the 16th Conference of the Japan Geopark Committee held in Tokyo at the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI), Itoigawa Geopark was officially recertified as a Japanese National Geopark..

To mark this occasion, the Chairman of the Itoigawa Geopark Council and Mayor of Itoigawa, Mr. Toru Yoneda, gave the following comment:

We are all extremely pleased on this occasion to receive recertification as a Japanese Geopark.

I am humbled as I recognize the many great efforts the people of Itoigawa have made throughout this process; at the same time it is with great pride that I thank them all for their cooperation.

This year, we are scheduled to undergo recertification as a Global Geopark. Our work in the Japanese Geopark recertification process is only the first step of many. I would like to ask all the people of Itoigawa to come together as one to make the Itoigawa Global Geopark the best geopark it can be.

28 January 2013

Itoigawa Geopark Council
Chairman Mayor of Itoigawa Toru Yoneda

Current Progress and Scheduled Events:

- 8 Dec 2008Japanese Geopark Certification
- 22 Aug 2009Global Geopark Certification and Membership in Global Geopark Network
- 25 – 26 Dec 2012.....Japanese Geopark Recertification Inspection
- 28 Jan 2013.....Japanese Geopark Recertification
- May – Aug 2013 (Tentative)....Global Geopark Network Recertification Inspection
- Sep 2013 (Tentative).....Global Geopark Network Recertification Results