

Joint Declaration Regarding the Preservation of the Memory of the  
2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

The Noto Peninsula Earthquake and subsequent tsunami that occurred on January 1, 2024 caused extensive damage in the Noto Region. The effects of the earthquake were also felt far and wide in the surrounding areas of the Hokuriku Region, causing damage in many places. We would like to express our deepest sympathies to all those in the affected areas and offer our sincere condolences to those who lost their lives. The road to recovery is still far from over in the areas where damage was most extensive, and it is our hope that recovery will move forward one step at a time.

For those of us involved in Geopark activities up to the present, this earthquake was a moment for reflection upon the relationship between the movement of the earth and people's daily lives. The UNESCO Global Geoparks of Itoigawa and Hakusan-Tetorigawa, and the Japanese Geoparks of Sado, Naeba-Sanroku, Tateyama-Kurobe, and Dinosaur Valley Fukui Katsuyama, have an important mission to apply the many lessons learned from the Noto Peninsula Earthquake to further disaster awareness and understanding, so that these lessons will not be forgotten.

We feel that this is our duty. We must utilize both domestic and global networks of Geoparks to spread awareness of disaster prevention and disaster mitigation activities in our Geoparks and in the Noto Region. We will work to support people in disaster-stricken areas who have personally experienced the forces of our planet as we continue to learn about the universal relationship between the workings of the earth and people's lives and the value this relationship has to our societies.

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Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark Promotion Council  
Sado Geopark Promotion Council  
Naeba Sanroku Geopark Promotion Council  
Tateyama Kurobe Geopark Association  
Dinosaur Valley Fukui Katsuyama Geopark Promotion Council