

## Theme

### “Geoparks : Networking and Society”

## Session Topics

The Sea and People’s Lives
Cultural Heritage and Geostories
Conservation and Interpretation of Nature
Geotourism
Sustaining Local Communities
Education (School, University and Life-long Learning)
Geohazard Risk Reduction, Prevention and Mitigation
Management and Networking
Aspiring Geoparks
Improvements based on Assessment and Recommendations

## Hosts

### The 4th Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network San’in Kaigan Symposium Organizing Committee

Position	Organization	Name
Chairman	Chairman of Japan Geopark Committee	Kazuo OIKE
Vice Chairman	Professor Emeritus of Tottori University	Ryohei NISHIDA

## Access

TOKYO (Narita) --- bus (1h) ---  →

TOKYO (Haneda) ---  airplane (1h20min)

---  TOTTORI --- train (2h)

----- TOYOOKA

OSAKA (Kansai) ----> bus (1h15min)  →

OSAKA (Itami) --- airplane (40min) ----> 

TAJIMA----> bus (15min)  → TOYOOKA

OSAKA (Kansai) ----> bus (50min)  →

OSAKA ----- train (2h30min) -----

----- TOYOOKA

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4th



# Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium

San'in Kaigan Symposium

First Circular

September 16  - 20 , 2015

Kyoto Prefecture (Kyotango City)  
Hyogo Prefecture (Toyooka City, Kam Town, Shin'onsen Town)  
Tottori Prefecture (Tottori City, Iwami Town)



APGN2015

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Global Geopark, JAPAN



## Aims

The aim of Geopark is “to promote sustainable development of the region by preserving valuable geological heritages, and making use of them in education, science and tourism.”

The 4th Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium will be held in the San’ in Kaigan Global Geopark, Japan and will provide participants from Asia-Pacific National Geoparks with the opportunity to actively share ideas while deepening understanding among APGN members. We are very pleased to share the activities and results of the Japanese Geoparks Network with the Asia-Pacific region.

\* China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Vietnam are currently members of the APGN. The 1st APGN Symposium was held in Malaysia, the 2nd symposium in Vietnam, and the 3rd symposium in Korea. The 4th APGN Symposium will be held for the first time in Japan.

## Tentative Schedule

Date	Content
December, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Circular</li> <li>• Abstract submission open</li> <li>• Poster submission open</li> <li>• Registration open</li> <li>• Geopark Fair application open</li> </ul>
March, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abstract deadline</li> <li>• Poster deadline</li> <li>• Early registration deadline</li> <li>• Geopark Fair application deadline</li> </ul>
June, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration deadline</li> <li>• Notification of abstract acceptance</li> </ul>

\* Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

## Date

Date	9/16(Wed)	9/17(Thu)	9/18(Fri)	9/19(Sat)	9/20(Sun)
Venue	Kyotango City	Toyooka City	Toyooka City Kami Town Shin’onsen Town	Tottori City	Tottori City Iwami Town
Morning		Registration	Mid-conference Excursion	Registration	Post-conference Excursion (optional)
		Opening Ceremony & Plenary Session		Plenary Session & Oral Presentations	
Afternoon	Pre-conference Excursion (optional)	Oral Presentations		Oral Presentations	
		Poster Session		Poster Session	
Evening	Ice Breaker Dinner Party (optional)	Welcome Party		New GGN Member Ceremony & Closing Ceremony & Farewell Party (Announcement of next host)	

## San’in Kaigan Global Geopark

The San’in Kaigan Global Geopark is located to the northwest of Osaka and consists of Kyoto Prefecture (Kyotango City), Hyogo Prefecture (Toyooka City, Kami Town, Shin’onsen Town) and Tottori Prefecture (Iwami Town, Tottori City).

The San’in Kaigan Geopark became a member of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) in October 2010.



## ~ San’in Kaigan Geopark Area ~



At the San’in Kaigan Global Geopark, you will find many valuable geological assets, such as rocks, strata, coastal landscapes, waterfalls and valleys, which relate to when Japan was a part of the Asian Continent and explain the formation process of the present-day the Sea of Japan. The San’in Kaigan Global Geopark is an interesting panoramic location where visitors can observe various types of creatures, people’s lives, culture and history in a rich natural environment. One of the major geosites is Genbudo Cave, located in Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture. The Quaternary geomagnetic reversal polarity term was first proposed with the basalt in this geosite. The Gauss/Matuyama boundary when the Earth’s magnetic field underwent reversal 2.6 million years ago is one of the markers for the beginning of the Quaternary Period. Visitors can discover how people’s lives closely relate to the surrounding geomorphology and geology. Notable examples include the rice terraces and Tajima cattle grazing areas located on the gentle slopes formed by landslides, Red Snow Crab and other fishery products from the Sea of Japan, the Oriental White Stork habitat in the Toyooka Basin, the local handbag manufacturing industry, and the cultivation of melons and Chinese shallots in the sand dunes. [Toyooka weather in September] The average temperature ranges from 18.6°C to 27.4°C.