

17 Years of Children's "Geotour"

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The Seismological Society of Japan and the Volcanological Society of Japan have been hosting a SchoolChildren's Summers School on Earthquake and Volcano in various locations related to earthquakes and volcanoes throughout Japan almost every year since 1999. Since 2011, the Geological Society of Japan joined the hosting group of the Summer School. We held this program at 16 area including 11 geoparks ,Izu peninsular(1999,2013), Toya-usu(2000), Izu oshima(2001), Kirishima(2005), Hakone(2007), Muroto(2010), Bandaisan(2011), Itoigawa(2012), Unzen(2014), Minamialps(2015).It is designed for experts on the frontlines of research and practice to have opportunities to communicate directly with children regarding the mechanisms and true nature of earthquakes and volcanoes together with the blessings of nature that are inseparably related to disasters.

The course consists of games, experiments and communication that arouse children's curiosity. It looks like geotour for children, which so far has been attended by a total of 537 children from ages 10 to 18.We will report on seismology and volcanology education as an attempt to nurture a next generation who are aware of the affluence and scientific interest brought by volcanoes and earthquakes as well as their terrifying aspects.