

Izu Peninsula  
UNESCO Global Geopark Team  
Japan

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**Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences  
Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council convened its tenth meeting in Kütralkura, Chile, on 5 and 6 September 2025. As a result of this comprehensive evaluation, **Izu Peninsula UNESCO Global Geopark** has been awarded a "**green card**" for a further four-year period, from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029, with the following recommendations:

1. Involvement in topics related to climate change and natural hazard:
  - 1.1. Develop strategies and educational programs on geohazards awareness and disaster risk reduction, ensuring both residents and visitors are informed.
  - 1.2. Strengthen the geopark strategies about climate change, by increasing the regular events involving educational institutions, students, and local communities particularly in agriculture and coastal areas.
2. Management: Strengthen capacity building programs not only for geo-guides, but also for UGGp staff.
3. Networking: Maintain and strengthen the geopark networking, initiate joint projects with other UGGp outside of the country, optimize the partnership agreement(s) with other geoparks to contribute more to the global geoparks network.
4. Sustainable development policy: Use the visitor survey data to guide a geopark development plan, ensuring that future sites development is guided by the feedback from visitors and locals alike.
5. Partnerships: Define clear guidelines for the use of the Geopark logo on products and in promotional contexts.
6. Geological Heritage: Investigate how to manage 159 sites based on the connection between geology, nature, and culture. Group nearby sites with similar geological themes, enabling more efficient and equitable site management and development.

Cc: Permanent Delegation of Japan to UNESCO  
Japanese National Commission for UNESCO

With many thanks for contributing to UNESCO's aims and looking forward to a continued fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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