The Mountains and the Lake Embraced by the Kanto Plain—Stone, Soil and Water Connect Nature and People—

The Mt. Tsukuba Region is comprised of three major elements: the mountains, which include the great Mt. Tsukuba, one of the best 300 mountain peaks in Japan; Lake Kasumigaura, the second largest lake in Japan; and the plain that holds them. Particularly, Mt. Tsukuba with its two steep peaks and the gentle foot has been the landmark of the Kanto region with a complimentary expression “Mt. Fuji in the west, Mt. Tsukuba in the east” and a stage of mountain worship and truth/faith culture. Moreover, including Mt. Tsukuba and Lake Kasumigaura, the area located on the Kanto Plain as if the plain embraces them in its arms. Thanks to rich stones, soil and water, the stone industry, which Makebe stone represents, the ceramic industry with famous Kasama ware, agriculture and the brewing industry of source and sake have developed in this region. Therefore, we titled Mt. Tsukuba Area Geopark “The Mountains and the Lake Embraced by the Kanto Plain, Stone, Soil and Water Connect Nature and People.”

Kanto Plain Zone
You can learn how the Kanto Plain, the largest plain in Japan, was formed in Kanto Plain Zone. See the unison and the geological features formed by the meandering river in a long period, and the ecosystem of the local forest, as well as the History of Kasama and the wisdom of local people who have lived with the beneficience and the overwhelming power of the rivers.

Lake Kasumigaura Zone
A part of the ocean was left inland and become Lake Kasumigaura. The topography of that time is preserved well around the lake. In Lake Kasumigaura Zone, you can learn how the land was formed by the change of the sea level that has been subject to the climate change during the past several hundred thousand years.

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Mt. Tsukuba Area Geopark Promotion Council

Mt. Tsukuba Area Geopark Protection Act

Tsukuba and Kasumigaura Geopark

Geology of Mt. Tsukuba Area

The Formation of Mt. Tsukuba Area

The Formation of Lakes in the Kasumigaura Geopark

How Mt. Tsukuba was Formed (Tsukuba and Kasumigaura Geopark)