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Mt. Apoi Geopark
Application for Nomination as a Global Geopark
Letter of Endorsement

The Japan Geopark Committee fully endorses the application of the Mt. Apoi Geopark for membership of the Global Geoparks Network. The most distinctive feature of the Mt. Apoi Geopark is peridotite, which was derived from the Earth's mantle. It is exposed well on the mountainous surface because a part of the upper mantle consisting of it, which occupied in the lower layer of the continental plate, was pushed onto the Earth's surface by a collision of two continental plates. Therefore, the Mt. Apoi Geopark provides a window to look at the Earth's Interior, allowing people to feel the global-scale dynamic movements of the Earth. The Mt. Apoi peridotite fostered unique and valuable colonies of alpine flora that are fascinating climbers. The Mt. Apoi Geopark is a unique place where visitors can learn on Earth's dynamic activity, linking between geosphere, biosphere and human life.

The preparatory work by the Mt. Apoi Geopark has been comprehensive, and we believe that the criteria for the nomination have been met.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Oike', written in a cursive style.

Kazuo Oike
President
The Japan Geopark Committee