

Status of the 2026-2027 Action Plan for JpGGN (Japanese GGN)

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Dear the GGN Advisory Committee Chair:

I will be unable to attend the January 30th Advisory Committee meeting due to the Japan Geopark Committee and its follow-up discussion session that have been planned since last year. Instead, I am providing a status report below.

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- Last May, all UGGps gathered in Chiba City, adjacent to Tokyo, to discuss the specific actions and indicators for the GGN actions framework. The JpGGN formulated its own Action Plan and submitted it to the GGN. Some elements of the JpGGN proposals were adopted into the final GGN Action Plan.
 - Based on the final GGN's 2025-2027 Action Plan adopted in September, we are reviewing the feasibility of the JpGGN Action Plan we had already created last May.
 - In January of this year, the coordinator requested that each UGGp reconfirms the feasibility of the existing JpGGN Action Plan, in accordance with the direction of the GGN's 2025-2027 Action Plan. As a result, most opinions had been gathered by last week.
 - According to these responses, many UGGps pointed out that the existing JpGGN Action Plan includes too many actions and sets the indicators too high. This results in an excessive burden for them. This is because, last year, proposals were written for almost all actions to contribute to the overall GGN Action Plan. This made it difficult to achieve all of the proposed actions within the next two years.
 - Comments and proposed revisions from all UGGps are currently being circulated. We plan to gather feedback again before the scheduled JpGGN online meeting on February 3 and discuss the revised JpGGN Action Plan (2026-2027) during the meeting.

Moving forward, we promise to finalize the JpGGN 2026-2027 Action Plan as soon as possible, taking into account the activities already underway.