

Ladies and gentleman, congratulations for the 70th anniversary of Mongolian Geological Survey. The geological Society of Japan expresses a sincere celebration for the 70th anniversary. I am very honored to attend this memorial ceremony as a representative of the GSJ together with several our society members, who are really contributing for the cooperation between Mongolia and Japan.

At this memorial occasion, the day before yesterday, The GSM and GSJ have concluded the agreement for academic exchange cooperation. This agreement is based on increasing numbers of geological cooperation projects, such as mineral resource exploring project, Dinosaur exploring project, academic and educational cooperation project, and JICA project.

I am convinced that the agreement between the two Geological Society would promote and accelerate for the cooperation.

At this occasion, I would like to introduce the GSJ, very briefly.

The GSJ consists of 4400 individual members with 30 sponsors. The foundation is 1893. The society is one of the largest and oldest society in the Earth Science community in Japan. We have two journals, one is Journal of GSJ, and another one is international English journal of Island Arc.

By the way, this August, we have received a delightful news, that is, the three areas of Japan were registered as World Geopark from UNESCO. The concept of geopark is a promotion of geo-tourism, spreading of geological knowledge and education. Therefore, the recognition as the World Geopark would contribute for economic effects as well as further educational and scientific development.

Next annual meeting of GSJ is held at Toyama University, locating near the one of the World Geopark. Itoigawa. We are now planning an opening of international session on Geology of East Asia during the annual meeting to

accept presentations from cooperative foreign geological society members. At that time, the field excursion for the Itoigawa Geopark is also planning. So, Please visit Japan to attend the annual meeting and

Well, if we compare for Japan and Mongolia in terms of geological sites which are suitable for the geoparks, your country is full with so many spectacular and fantastic places due to poor vegetation than Japan. This implies that your country has a huge possibility to develop as attractive World Geopark.

Next delightful news concerning to Geoscience community in the World is a steady development of International Earth Science Olympiad for high school students in the World. Participating countries to the Olympiad are increasing year by year, that started by 6 countries and now up to 18 countries covering all continents. I am very pleased to inform you that the 6th Olympiad will be held in 2012 at Tsukuba, Japan. So, the participatns from your country for the Olympiad is highly welcome.

Well, you know, Asashoryuu and Hakuho must be most famous persons as national heros in your country. The same as in Japan. They are most popular persons in Japan, and all Japanese from old generation to children well know Asashoryu and Hakuho. But, unfortunately, we Japanese opinions are sharply separated into two opposite groups, one group like Asashouryuu, and another group like Hakuho.

Anyway, thus, Mongolia is one of most popular country for Japanese. That is sure.

At ending may talk, I wish further development of Geological Survey of Mongolia and Geoscience community of your country. We wish also further development of geological cooperation and exchange between Mongolia and Japan.

Thank you