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TO:

**Japanese Geoparks Network
Tokyo Japan**

Dear colleagues,

One month has passed since the devastating Noto earthquake that affected the western coast of Japan and the life of the people.

On behalf of the Global Geoparks Network I would like to express our sincere condolences to the families of the victims but also our support to those citizens who were affected in UNESCO Global Geoparks in Japan by the destructive Noto earthquake on the 1st of January 2024.

We do understand the difficulties you are facing and we will be next to you in the next period, taking initiatives to express our solidarity and support.

Both the GGN Executive Board members and all the UNESCO Global Geoparks convey their solidarity and support to our Geopark colleagues and the people of UNESCO Global Geoparks in Japan and wish them courage and strength in order to overcome the difficulties.

The Global Geoparks Network community stand by you at these difficult moments. Our thoughts and our hearts are with you!

With best regards,

For the Global Geoparks Network



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