

PREFACE

The cruises for the marine geological and geophysical investigation around the Ryukyu Islands are based on the marine geological research project of the Geological Survey of Japan. The project is a part of the five years program for the marine geological investigation on the continental shelves and slopes around Japan, which is carried out by a geological research vessel, "Hakurei-Maru".

This cruise report is mainly concerned with the results of on-board observations by the scientific staff and also partly the analytical results obtained after the cruises.

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