

Season's Greetings



Geological Survey of Japan
Since 1882



140th Anniversary

1882
GSJ founded

1979
Relocated to
Tsukuba

1980
Geological Museum
open to the public

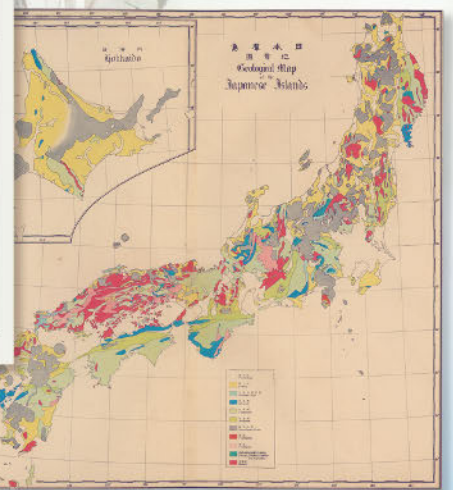
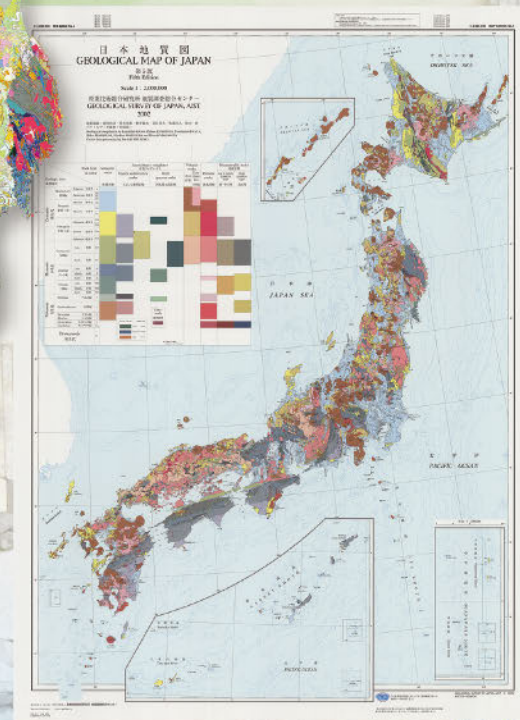
2001
Integrated into AIST



Geologic maps evolving through society

<https://www.gsj.jp/en/>

The Geological Survey of Japan (GSJ) marked its 140th anniversary in 2022. Since the establishment in 1882, GSJ has conducted geological surveys throughout Japan, and continuously published geological maps. Initially, the maps were utilized to acquire natural resources and to build infrastructure. As survey techniques advanced, GSJ has released a wide variety of maps including environmental and disaster risk information. More recently, GSJ has provided the seamless geological map of Japan, and 3D geological maps displaying subsurface structure in central Tokyo. All maps are also to be published on the web site for general use.



Seamless Digital Geological Map of Japan V2. <https://gbank.gsj.jp/seamless/> (left)
Geological Map of Japan (5th ed.) (2002) Geological survey of Japan, AIST. (center)
Geological Map of the Japanese Islands, 1:3,000,000 (1889) Toyokichi Harada, Geological survey of Japan. (right)
Geological map made of rocks representing each geological unit on the GSJ lobby wall (background)