

The Geological Origins of Tosashimizu

The land that is now occupied by Tosashimizu was formed when deep-sea sediment was pushed upward by the interplay of tectonic plates over tens of millions of years. In addition, the geological strata in the Tatsukushi and Ashizuri areas bear marks from 15 to 20 million years ago, when land at the edge of mainland Asia broke off into the ocean and formed the Japanese archipelago. The land that was fashioned in this great upheaval continues to be shaped by the movement of tectonic plates, as well as by weathering and erosion.