Hogeshima Island

Exposing the power of the ocean

The sandstone of small, circular Hogeshima Island is part of a link between these islands and the Asian continent, as it is very likely related to China's Yellow River area. Seen from the east, the island appears to have a hole a little more than halfway up from the sea. From the west, one can see that the hole is exposed to harsh Pacific Ocean waves, and that erosion extends all the way down to the ocean surface, forming a sea cave. What appears to be a fault in the rock running from a high point on the east to a low point on the west has created a weak spot, allowing waves to enter and wear away the rock.

When the erosion began is unknown, though the process almost certainly began after the southwestern movement of the islands from the Asian continent to their present location had concluded. The powerful force of waves is constantly changing the shape of Hogeshima Island and its unique hole, and the island will likely end up as a sea arch.