From a world heritage site to our geopark

The houses covered by thick thatched roofs are called "gashozukuri". "Gasho" is the Japanese word for pressing the hands together in prayer, and "zukuri" means structure. The houses resemble this shape, and were therefore named after it.

A myriad of runners, setting off from the gashozukuri village early in the morning, forging along up the winding mountain roads. The sunshine showering down on Mt. Sanpoiwa… what will it bring for this early morning departure?

Since its creation, the repeated changing of the earth's crust has given birth to tranquil, unlimited natural scenery.

Our majestic earth, created over hundreds of millions of years,

imparts nature's providence to humankind.

Receiving the blessings of water, fruit, plants and animals, humans are carving out the long history of life.

Mountains, rivers, the ocean, and snow. The journey of life-giving water.

Let's advance across this vast land with gratitude in our hearts, contemplating how the rugged, abundant nature came to be.

Gather, challengers. Let's travel together, by our own two feet.

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