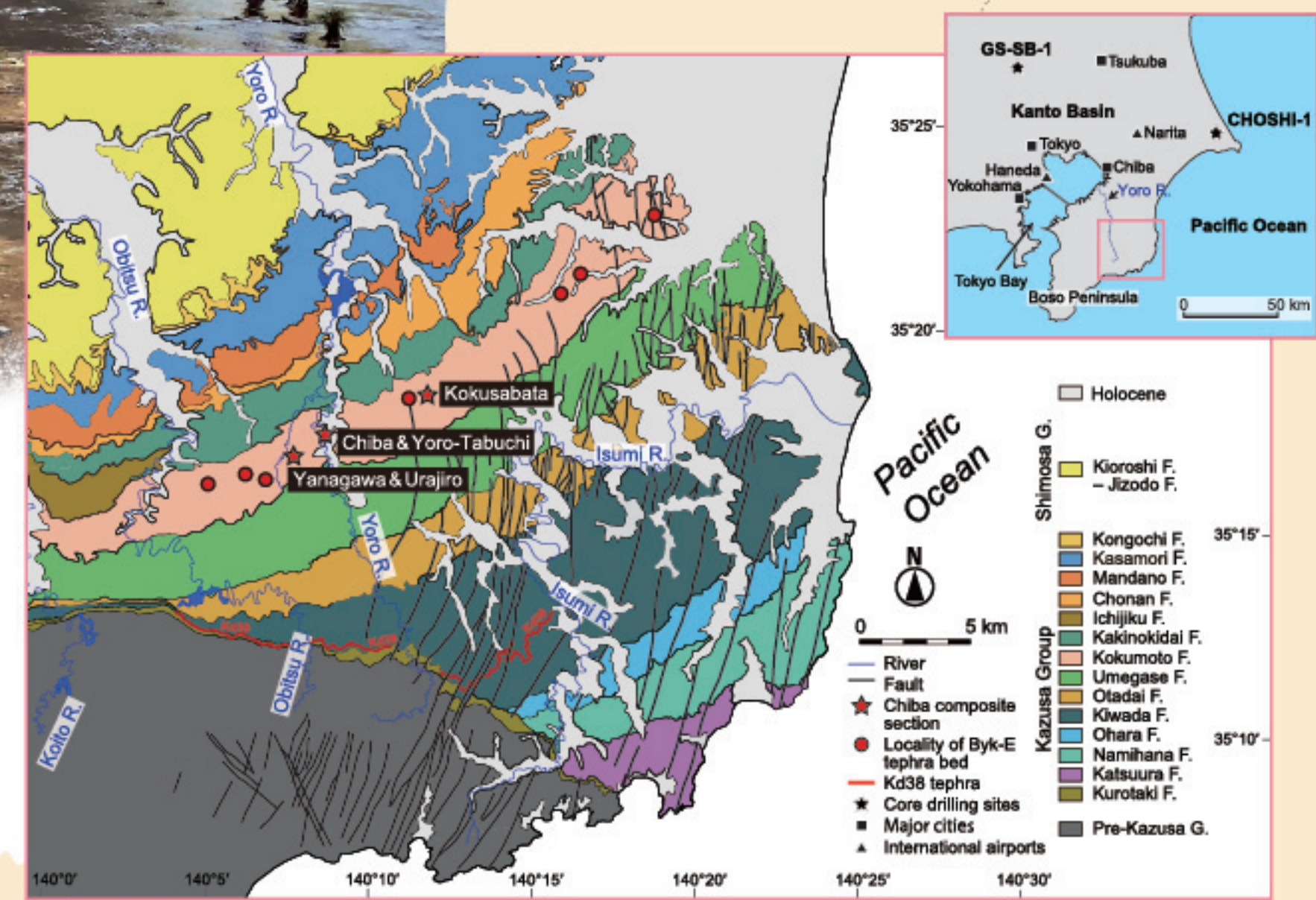


Season's Greetings



Chibanian

The outcrop called the Chiba Section was ratified as a Global Boundary Stratotype Section and Point (GSSP) by the International Union of Geological Sciences during an executive meeting held in Busan, Republic of Korea, on January 17, 2020. The Chiba section is exposed on a cliff along the Yoro River located at Tabuchi district of Ichihara City, Chiba Prefecture. "Chibanian" is the formal name of the Middle Pleistocene Subseries/Subepoch (between 174,000 and 129,000 years ago). Researchers from 22 universities and institutions, including GSJ, contributed to this achievement.



Simplified geologic map of the Boso Peninsula modified from GSSP proposal group (2019, Jour. Geol. Soc. Japan, 125, 5-22). Red stars are the locations of the Chiba composite section.