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In an unprecedented seismic event, more than 1,000 earthquakes have rattled the Tokara Islands in southern Japan over the past two weeks.

About Tokara Islands

- The Tokara Islands are a small **archipelago in Japan, south of Kyushu and north of the Amami Islands.**
- They are also sometimes **known as the Toshima Islands**, and the name is preserved in the name of the administrative division, Toshima-mura, that covers them.
- It consists of **seven inhabited islands** (from north to south: Kuchinoshima, Nakanoshima, Suwanosejima, Tairajima, Akusekijima, Kodakarajima, and Takarajima) and **five uninhabited islands** (Gajajima, Kogajajima, Kojima, Kaminonejima, and Yokoatejima).
- As a permanently inhabited municipality stretching over an area of about 160 kilometers, **Toshima is "Japan's longest village."**

- **Nakanoshima** is the **largest island** of Toshima Village in both area and population.
 - **Mount Otake** dominates the **northern section of Nakanoshima**. At 979 meters, it is the **highest mountain in the island group**.
- **Climate:**
 - It lies **between the subtropical and temperate zones**, with an average annual temperature of 20°C.
 - The weather is warm, and nearly all areas are frostless. The annual rainfall is about 2,700 millimeters.
- The islands are situated in one of the **most seismically active regions of the world**.

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