

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark (Japan, APG N)

Year of inscription 2009 / Year of the last revalidation 2013



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 14 staffs including 4 geoscientists (1geoscientist was added in 2016)

Number of Visitors: 85,468 people (to the Fossa Magna Museum, main info cener)

Number of Geopark events: 24 by Management body, 76 by cooperative organizations

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 51

Number of Geopark press release: 2 per month in average

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2016

- >Staging of the Geoparks Niigata International Forum July (2,540 participants in 2days)
- >Renewal opening of the “Fossa Magna Museum” (first opened in 1995)
- >Revalidation as the national Geopark

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- >Participation in the Conference, Posting to the GGN website and Newsletter
- >Dispatch of on-site reviewers to Global Geoparks
- >Played a central role for the Capacity Development Projects to stimulate networking activities in the Asia pacific region which is subsidized by the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO
- >Continuous exchange with sister geopark, Hong Kong UGG.

Management and Financial status

- >Drawing up a new medium term strategic plan
- >Financial situation remains stable (about 11million yen)

Geoconservation

- >New security camera installed at the Kotakigawa Jade Gorge

>New committee formed for the conservation of the Oyashirazy area where recently is listed as a National Scenic Area of Japan.

>New plan have begun to improve the conservation and display of the Itoigawa-Shizuoka Tectonic Line which is the main geological heritage in Itoigawa.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

>New walkway in Oayshirazu to better connect geological and cultural heritage

>Continuous Geotour for general public

>Limited Geopark official geo-tours for the conservation and popularization of the nature conservation area called Maikomidaira

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

>Several study Sessions on preventing disasters to Mt.Yakeyama held at the Fossa Magna Museum and community center

>The unified education policy for Children ages 0-18(2010), in which Geopark Studies are clearly positions, was revised taking into account the track record of 4 years of geoparks Studies

Strategic Partnership

>Partnership agreement with Niigata University, with which jointly organized International Forum, elucidation of the geological heritage and joint field research

>Collaboration with Niigata prefecture to held Geoparks Niigata International Forum

Promotional activities

>Renewal of the website information provision app. and regular information dissemination by the monthly newsletter and daily update of the social media web

>Forum of the national stone jade themed on its preservation and utilization

>Continuous education and popularization activities for children

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