

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Yanqing UNESCO Global Geopark (China, APGN)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2013



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 1380 staffs including 11 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: 10.72 million tourists in 2016

Number of Geopark events: 19

The volunteer activity in Museum of Yanqing Global Geopark; the 8th Dragon Boat Cultural Festival; Great Wall Forest Music Festival; Apricot Flower Festival; Qianjiadian Forest Marathon; Ice Lantern Festival; Halloween Festival and others.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 20

Number of Geopark press release: 39

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

▲ Major achievements in 2016

(1) Supported the first and co-organized the second International Training Course on Geoparks Management and Development; (2) The conservation project of Yanqing silicified woods with Lesvos Island Global Geopark has been carried out; (3) The interpretation system in the geopark has been updated, revised 118 interpretation panels and added 52 new ones.

▲ Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

Attended the first International Training Course on Geoparks Management and

Development and delivered a presentation; taken part in 2016 Annual Meetings of Chinese Global Geoparks, the seventh International Conferences on Global Geoparks (English Riviera, UK, 2016) and symposium on application and revalidation of UNESCO Global Geoparks ; visited Shilin Global Geopark to learn the revalidation process; invited Lesvos, Huangshan, Yandangshan UGGs to visit our Geopark.

▲ Management and Financial status

Our Geopark is managed by the Management Committee for Yanqing Global Geopark; the Administration for Yanqing Global Geopark; Area Management Sections.

The income and expenses stay balanced. Funds of the geopark mainly come from local governmental fiscal budgets, ticket and other business income. Expenses are mainly in geo-heritage protection and conservation, science popularization, staff salary, etc..

▲ Geo-conservation

(1) Geo-heritage sites database has been updated; (2) The data collection of the overall plan of dinosaur footprints protection zone has been finished; (3) In order to make better protection of dinosaur footprint sites, our geopark has constructed a new highway (7.1 km long) for the public transport, the original one is just for geopark visitors.

▲ Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

(1) Geo-cycling route has been developed to provide guide for tourists; (2) Standards have been formulated to evaluate the levels of agritainments; (3) Initial plan of adding geopark logo to apple, grape etc has been finished to promote agricultural products.

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

Geo-popular science activities have been carried out including World Earth Day, World Environment Day, volunteers' training and interpreters' workshop. 800 people have been trained through 12 geo-popular science lectures.

▲ Strategic Partnership

China University of Geosciences (Beijing), Beijing Institute of Geology, Beijing Museum of Natural History, World Grape Expo Park, Lvfulong Agricultural Company and about 120 travel agencies.

▲ Promotional activities

(1) Several popular science books have been published; (2) A television programme was made through cooperation with Beijing TV; (3) Website of Yanqing Global Geopark has been recognized the domain name legal and Wechat public account has been opened.

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