

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark (Japan, APGN)

Year of inscription 2009 / Year of the last revalidation 2017



Forum on Jade

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 14 staff including 4 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: 92,091 people (to the Fossa Magna Museum, main info center)

Number of Geopark events: 38 by Management body, 61 by cooperative organizations

Number of school classes that realize Geopark educational programs: 34

Number of Geopark press releases: 2 per month on average

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major Achievements in 2017

>Forum on Jade, Japan's National Stone, focused on preservation and sustainable use

>Revalidation as a UNESCO Global Geopark

>Hosted the first CGN & JGN Visit and Exchange Program

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

>Played a central role for Capacity Development Projects to stimulate networking activities in the Asia Pacific Region which is backed by the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO

>Continuous exchange, especially between students, with sister geopark Hong Kong UGG.

>Participation in the Conference, Posting to the GGN Website and Newsletter

>Received delegation from Qeshm Island

Management and Financial status

>Financial situation remains stable

Geoconservation

>Following the creation of community-inclusive planning committees related to the conservation and use of geological resources in three main geosite areas (Kotaki, Oumi

and Oyashirazu), we have formulated a concrete plan for the future of these sites.

>After 4 years of planning with local community members as well as experts in the fields of geology, conservation, bedrock preservation and education), we have begun conservation-renovation work at Fossa Magna Park, one of Itoigawa's representation geological heritage sites

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

>Regular Geotours and Geo-Lectures for general public

>Limited Geopark Official Geotours of the nature conservation area Maikomidaira with an emphasis on conservation and raising awareness

>Accepting new school excursions

>Geopark Guide Training and Guide-planned Tours

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

>Update to Supplementary Science Textbook for Years 3 and 4, featuring SDGs logos

>New town walking tour

>Survey with Geopark Guides regarding the geological and topographical factors of the Itoigawa Station North Fire

>Marine Life and Environmental Conservation-themed Study Tour by students of Niigata Kaiyo High School

Strategic Partnership

>New partnership with Niigata Yakeyama Volcanic Disaster Risk Reduction Council

>New partnership with Niigata Prefecture for Geopark Popularization

Promotional activities

>Renewal of the Geopark Homepage, smartphone app, and regular information dissemination via bimonthly newsletter and daily social media updates

>Continuous education and popularization activities for children

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