

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Songshan UNESCO Global Geopark (China, Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2004 / 2016

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



Opening Ceremony of 2020 Annual Meeting of Songshan Forum

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 156 staffs including 6 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: 10.27 million.

Number of Geopark events: 11 events including 4 events held by Songshan Global Geopark Administration Committee and 7 events held by cooperative organization

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 85

Number of Geopark press release: 10

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

1. 2020 Annual Meeting of Songshan Forum was successfully held in Songshan .

2. The Second Summit Forum on the Development and Innovation of Action Film and Television of

China was held in Songshan.

3. Shaolin Toll Station on the Zhen Shaoluo Expressway in Songshan has been built and opened.
4. 271 5G base stations have been established across Songshan Global Geopark by the end of last year.
5. Expansion project for the tourism scenic highway in Songshan Global Geopark has been progressing smoothly.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

1. Songshan participated in 2020 Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks Annual Conference.
2. Songshan paid the annual fee of 1500 Euro to the UGGpC .
3. Songshan participated the 6th international training course on UNESCO Global Geoparks Management and development.
4. Songshan and Guangwushan-Nuoshuihe have established sister geoarks relationship.

Management and Financial Status

In 2004, Songshan Global Geopark has formed Songshan Global Geopark administration committee. As of now, this committee contains 156 administration staffs, and has six departments: Affairs office ,Museum of Songshan Geopark ,Geological Relics Protection Branch, Financial Audit Branch, Geopark Promotion Branch and Administration and Law enforcement agency.

In 2020, Songshan Global Geopark has slided with financial income of 209.77 million yuan, expenditure of 258.32 million yuan, the balance of -48.55 million yuan.

Geoconservation

According to the "Songshan Global Geopark Geological Heritage Protection: Development and Utilization Detailed Planning (2016-2020).", we formulated the "2010 Songshan Global Geopark Geological Heritage Protection Plan" and signed the geological heritage liability statement. Staffs of Songshan Global Geopark regularly carry out inspections to focus on protected areas. We, also, publicized the supervisory phone number and enhanced the social supervision.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

In 2004, the Geopark established seven popular tourist routes, began to develop geotourism. In 2020, 2.90 million tourists visited Songshan Global Geopark. The number of visitors decreased by 38% over the previous year.

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

We made " Songshan Global Geopark science class plan for High School of Dengfeng City "in 2009, according to the plan, the junior high schools of Dengfeng City should arrange three geological science lectures each semester, each time the number of participants is not less than 400 pupils.

Strategic partnership

China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), Henan Polytechnic University, Henan Provincial

Geological Survey Institute, Songshan Mineral Water Company , Little Boy Agricultural Products Company, Ying River Grape Manor

Promotional activities

- 1.To celebrate Laba Festival, Shaolin Temple counted a praying ceremony and offered Laba congee to tourists on January 2nd .
- 2.Songshan Shaolin international online marathon was held by Henan Zhaolan Culture Communication Co., Ltd from July 29 to August 19.
- 3.During the National Science Popularization Day, Songshan Global Geopark held a community activity of popularizing geological science.
- 4.2020 the 4th Shaolin Zen bow Archery Competition was held by Shaolin Temple on Oct. 3rd.
- 5.2020 Shaolin Culture Symposium was held in Shaolin Temple from October, 17 to 18.
6. The 3rd Tour of Songshan Cycling Challenge supported by Henan Yangshao Liquor Co., Ltd was held in Songshan Global Geopark on November 1st.
7. The 6th celebrating ceremony for the Winter Solstice Festival was conducted in Songshan Global Geopark on December 21.
8. Shaolin kungfu into community activities was held in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province from December 26 to 27.

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