

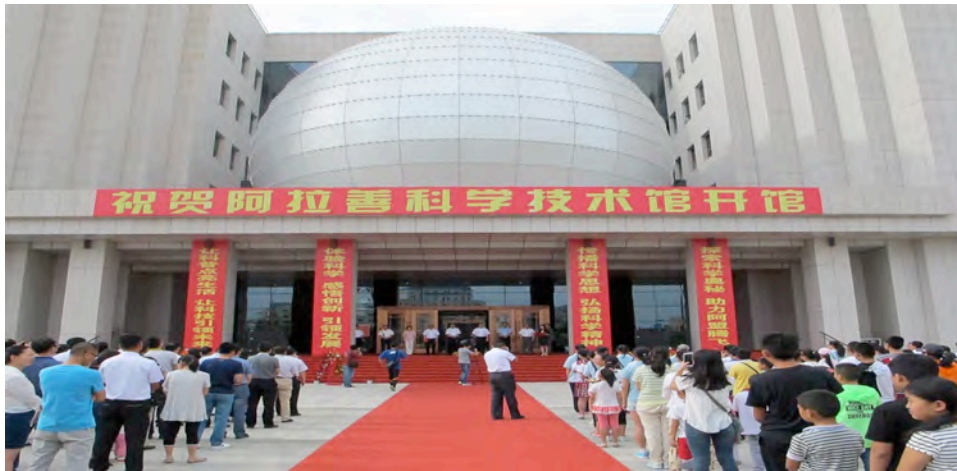
# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

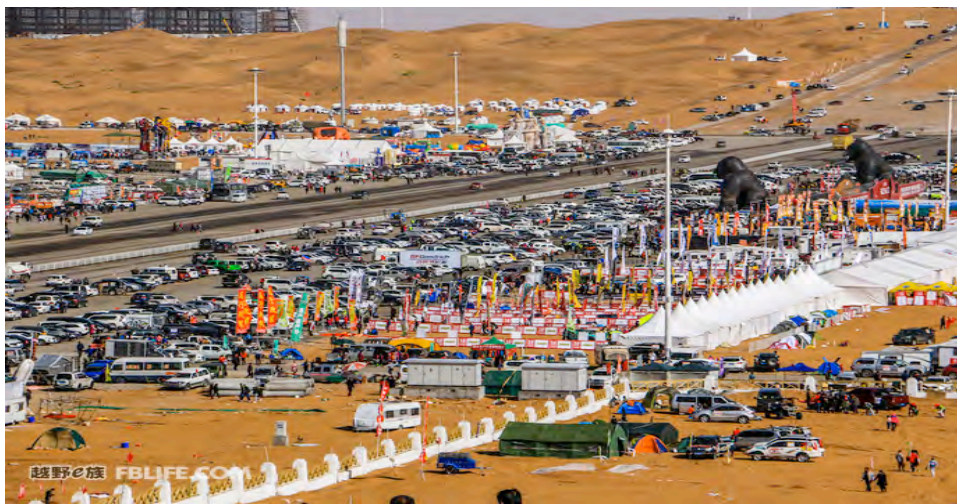
Alxa Desert UNESCO Global Geopark, China, CCN

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation 2009/2013

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



Alxa Science and Technology Museum is opened to the public.



Hold 2016 Cross-country Vehicle Challenge Competition in Tengeli Desert



Take a training course among the local related staffs in Alxa Desert Global Geopark after participating in Beijing Global Geopark Management Training Course



Hold a summer camp with primary school to get geoknowledge about desert forming , desert plants and the environment protection at the edge of desert.



Visiting sisterpark Zhangjiajie Geopark and study the experience each other.

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 12 staffs including 1 geoscientist

Number of Visitors: Total number of the visitors to the geopark is 60,497,000 by the end of 2016.

Number of Geopark events: 6 vital geopark events and mainly held by Alxa Desert Global Geopark Administration, cooperative organization including China University of Geosciences.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 3

Number of Geopark press release: 17

### 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

(1) Our geopark administration Bureau was selected as only recommended unit by the Ministry of land and resources for the national ecological civilization award, and won the honorary title of China ecological civilization advanced collective by the Ministry of environmental protection .

(2) It was repaired including 40 geopark pillars, 400 meters geotrail with science board, 6 pavilion ,6 traffic signs,24 interpretation boards and 2 science galleries.

(3) Wifi was completely installed at the Badanjaran Desert Musuem and complished remote supervisory controlling equipment at 9 vital geoheritages in Badanjaran desert.

(4) Our geopark administration bureau hold a summer camp with 70 faculty and students of local Mongolian primary school to get geoknowledge about desert forming and love our ecological environment at the edge of desert.

(5) Hold a volunteer recruitment activities of Mysterious Desert Angel ,up to now we have 80 more volunteers from differet provinces.

(6) Moon Lake Science Museum at Moon Lake geoarea was run on Oct.12,2016 which is the fourth science museum at our geopark.

## Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- (1) Participating in the GGN conference in England 2016.
- (2) Attending three times training course at Beijing and Guangdong about Geopark Management and Revalidation.
- (3) Made an English video to introduce Alxa Desert Global geopark geoheritages on internet communication workshop with other geoparks in APGN under the holding of Hongkong geopark in Dec.2016.

## Management and Financial status

Alxa desert UNESO global geopark administration bureau under local government is in charge of Alxa desert UNESO global geopark. Our funds was depend on local government finance. Owing to local government economic crisis , We have more financial difficulties and lack of contributors , especially requiring a heavy outlets on more construction and management after expanding our geopark.

## Geoconservation

- (1) The geoheritages protection project in Aolunbulage geoarea were completed by an investment of 4,708,000RMB. The geoheritages were repaired including Shengen Peak, Alxa canyon and Dramatic canyon. The total area of protection project is 0.344 km<sup>2</sup>. The detail protection project contains completing 130 meters bionic ecological fence around Shengen Peak, 40 meters wooden fence at the observation deck, 2 science galleries, 6 warning board, 30 meters iron fences etc..
- (2) The monitoring project of Shengan Peak at Aolunbulage geoarea is running by an investment of 24,000RMB during 1 year (Apr.22,2016- Apr.22,2017) mainly monitoring on the inclination and weathering. 4 monitoring technical reports will be submitted after the monitoring period.
- (3) The inspections about geoarea signs system and safty basic instruments were

carried at the geoparks more than 70 times a year for disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.

#### Strategic Partnership

Made a new sisterpark with Guizhou Zhijidong cave geopark, China and held a sharing experience workshop with staffs in two geoparks.

#### Promotional activities

We continue to advertise our geopark by a lot of important local festivals on newspaper, TV, radio, internet, wechat platform especially having a live interview on local TV station, cooperation with Xinhua News Agency and Hongkong Radio TV station to field recording at our geopark .

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