

GGN-2016 Annual Report of Taining UNESCO Global Geopark

1. Identity of the Geopark

Name, Country, and Regional Network Location of the Geopark belongs:

The year of latest revalidation: 2014

Representative photos of the Geopark



2. Statistic numbers related to the Geopark

Number of employees: a total of 918 employees, including four geologists

Number of tourists visited: the Geopark received 2.26 million visitors with a total tourism income of 3.2 billion Yuan.

Number of activities organized: a total of 11 thematic activities have been held by the Geopark:

Number of classes involved in the Geopark educational programs:

1. The Geopark has signed agreements on college students' educational program plan with Fujian Normal University, Sanming University and other colleges and universities.

2 organizations in Fuzhou, Quanzhou and other places of primary and secondary school students to carry out the activities of the popular science summer camp more than and 200. 3. Carried out two Geoharitage Knowledge Training Classes tour for tour guides in spring and autumn respectively.

The number of news articles published by the Geopark:

published 160 news about the Geopark in "China Tourism News", "Fujian Daily", "Sanming Daily", and the official website of Fujian Provincial Tourism Bureau; "heritage and protection research magazine" published the article of "geological relics protection and Chinese geoparks sustainable competitiveness", submitted to the Global Geopark website 10 article 4 published information.

3. Geopark activities

Main achievements in 2016:

1. "Taining UNESCO Global Geopark Forest Fire Emergency Plan" and "Geohazard Prevention and Control Program of Taining UNESCO Global Geopark" were worked out.

2. Successful organized the Golden Lake World-Chinese Mountain Marathon.

3. Completed the scientific research projects of "Taining UNESCO Global Geopark

Geoheritage Protection Research and Geothermal Resource Evaluation", "1:25 000 Scale Multi-objective Ecological Geochemical Survey and Evaluation", and "Evolution and Tectonic Setting of the Late Cretaceous Red Beds in Fujian Province".

4. Cooperatively built the Sketching and Creation Base with Fujian Normal University, Xiamen University and other institutions.

5. Issued policies on supporting the participation of local communities in tourism, and Changxin, Chong Village to develop accommodation, catering and other tourism industries.

Contributions towards the work of the GGN — activities and participation: to attend the seventh session of the UNESCO Global Geopark Conference (UK); participation in the Second International Training Class on Global Geoparks Issues (Beijing).

Management structure and financial Status: the Administration Committee of Taining Global Geopark has been established by law, responsible for the Geopark issues planning, development, protection and utilization of the Geopark. The main source of income of the Geopark is from ticket sales and from financial subsidies of higher-level authorities. The Geopark implements a supervised two-line financial revenue and expenditure management, with a stable financial situation.

Geoheritage Conservation:

1. The Geopark has strictly implemented a hierarchical classification system for geoheritage conservation, which focuses on the core scenic area protection of the Geopark.

2. The Geopark protection and management network has been improved. And a three-level linkage mechanism has been established involving the participation of county, township and village, which interact in relation to each other.

3. A geoheritage database of the Geopark has been established. In addition, a new batch of global eye high-definition cameras has been set up to strengthen data monitoring.

Sustainable Tourism (Geotourism) development:

The Administration Committee of Taining Global Geopark has formulated relevant policies to introduce local community residents to participate in tourism, such as encouraging the establishment of regional-based sketching and creation education bases at towns and villages; assisting development of rural leisure development and tourism in the ten villages of Shuiji, Jixi, Congji, Changxing, Dayuan, Nanhui, and Yinshan in the Geopark; broadening employment opportunities, and providing service to establish characteristic tourism villages of the Geopark, featuring a development model of Geopark plus Culture, Geopark plus Gourmet Food , and Geopark plus Specialty.

A new education plan for the protection of geoheritage, sustainable development and hazard reduction:

1. To carry out two geoheritage knowledge training classes for tour guides in spring and autumn respectively.

2 To establish the Geohazard Prevention and Control Program of Taining UNESCO Global Geopark, and carry out emergency exercises and safety drills to enhance the hazard prevention and resilience capability of the Geopark.

Strategic partnership: in 2016, the Geopark established sister park relationship with Zhijindong Cave Global Geopark, Guizhou. Moreover, the Geopark actively contact with the Sobrarbe-Pirineos UNESCO Global Geopark, to discuss the future opportunity to cooperate and bond a sister park relationship.

Promotional activities: in 2016, the Administration Committee of Taining UNESCO Global Geopark successfully organized a series of themed activities known as Golden Lake World-Chinese Mountain Marathon, China International Folk Opera Invitational Contest, Cheongsam Fashion Show, Spending New year's Eve in delicate Taining County, Taining Naughty Festival, the Most Beautiful Woman Flowers, 100,000 People Going on Spring Outing in Travel Season, and "in search of a 23 °C summer".

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