

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Wudalianchi UNESCO Global Geopark (China, APGN) 2004/2014

Representative Photo



In 2016, 720,000,000 yuan RMB had been invested in the construction of Wudalianchi Dedu Airport, with 2500 meters runway, 4 aircraft positions and 3000 km² terminal. It will be put into service in September, 2017.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 1452 staffs including 6 geoscientists.

Number of Visitors: 1,450,000 visitors

Number of Geopark events: 9 events as follows:

-International marathon across the crater of volcano was held; holy water festival was held; stage play Five Lotuses was put on the stage; national Hiking Activity was held; a new scenic area Tianchi at Gelaqiu Volcano; the first golf course at volcanic snow area in China; ice and snow tourism project; Dr. Thomas Casadevall, IUCN volcanologist and geologist, expert from United States Geological Survey, visited Wudalianchi; Wudalianchi Dedu Airport was finished.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:10 (including 8 about geosciences, 1 about geohazard deduction, 1 about outdoor practices)

Number of Geopark press release:11

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2016:

-International marathon across the crater of volcano, Holy water festival and other activities were held; an International Health Care Tourism Demonstration Base was built; hiking, golf, ice sculpture and other ice and snow projects were developed.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

We took part in the International Intensive Course in Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece; Professor Kommoo Ibrahim and Professor Pasquale Li Puma were invited to Wudalianchi for visit; we attended The 2nd Huangshan Dialogue on UNESCO Sites and Sustainable Development; we attended the 7th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks and the fair; Songshan was invited to visit Wudalianchi; we attended the 1st and 2nd International Training Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks Geoparks Management and Geo-conservation; Wudalianchi was invited to Songshan for the

its re-validation; Wudalianchi was invited to Russia to take part in the H₂O International mineral water Forum in Pyatigorsk.

Management and Financial status

-Management body: Wudalianchi Administrative Committee

-Financial status: It is good. The ticket income is 34,650,000 yuan RMB. The comprehensive tourism income is 490,000,000 yuan RMB.

Geoconservation

-Field patrol lasted for 280 days. Propaganda on geoconservation in schools, offices, departments and communities lasted for 128 days.

- Monitoring and informatization project was initiated, with construction of 11 base stations and installation of 270 infrared sensor probes.

-Resource protection emergency plans on traveling peak, georelics, ecological protection, forest fire prevention were newly revised; 5 groups including 180 people for resource protection and 3 volunteer groups for forest fire prevention were formed; 11 resource protection training and practices were carried out.

-13,000,000 yuan RMB was invested in the construction of 3030 meters wooden plank road; 3 more protection stations were built, with an investment of 10,070,000 yuan RMB; 72,490,000 yuan RMB was invested in the construction of roads and infrastructures.

-8,907,500 yuan RMB was invested in the infrastructures of the new scenic area Tianchi at Gelaqiu Volcano.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

650,000,000 yuan RMB of local economy benefits from geotourism; public budget revenue is 56,610,000 yuan RMB, an increase of 6%; the number of tourist is 1,450,000, an increase of 5.1%; the ticket income is 34,650,000 yuan RMB, an increase of 4.8%; the comprehensive tourism income is 490,000,000 yuan RMB, an increase of 6.5%; disposable income per capita is 20,400 yuan RMB, an increase of 11.2%; rural net income per capita is 10,300 yuan RMB, an increase of 10.3%.

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction -Education programmes such as 3•12 Volunteer Service Day, 4•22 World Earth Day, Little Volunteers Contest, Popular Science Volunteers into Scenic Areas, Little Hands and Big Hands was were carried out; 15 popular science lectures on geosciences were open to more than 1200 people.

Strategic Partnership -To develop educational programs with China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) and China University of Geosciences (Beijing); to develop educational programs with China OFPU Education.

Promotional activities -Advertisements were put on CCTV, Heilongjiang Provincial TV, mainstream press, newspapers and journals

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