

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark, Japan, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2009/2019**



**Assembling the underwater diorama model of the Toya caldera with the local high school**

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 5 staffs including 1 geoscientist

**Number of visitors:** approximately 1.2million (Number of guests during April 2019 - March 2020)

**Number of Geopark events:** 32

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs:**41

**Number of Geopark press release:** 30

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2020

- We held a stay-at-home event "Let's make! Lake Toya underwater model" with more than 100 children.
- We assembled and exhibited the Lake Toya underwater diorama model in collaboration with the geography class of a local high school.
- We have published two new maps that cover whole geopark area with geo site, ecological site and historical site in two languages as a part of the new Geopark Trail Map series.
- We have renewed 14 geopark's general information boards, 29 interpretation panels and 21 signs. These include proper and integrated geopark's name and area boundary.
- We have published 1,000 copies of the Geopark Master Plan. This plan shows the various projects that Geopark should undertake.
- As a program that supports the Indigenous language of the region, we have published of the picture

book "Origins of River Names of Toya-Usu UGGp".

- We renewed interpretation panels of "Exhibition of the UGGp and Harvests of the Earth" in Toyako Tourism Information Center.
- New museum "Nakajima Island and Lake Forest Museum" have built includes the UGGp exhibition.
- About 800 downloads of the Geopark Outdoor Learning Textbook series from the Geopark's Website.

### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- Participate the 1st and 2nd GGN Digital forum, APGN CC meeting and APGN Let's do it and gave two oral presentations.

### **Management and Financial Status**

- Approved about the 2020 Action Plan and the budget at the council general meeting.

### **Geoconservation**

- We have reconstructed the sites list, which is the basic material for the monitoring of all sites, and prepared a "monitoring sheet" to check the status of all sites.
- Weeding of the Nishiyama trail and other geo-sites annually with volunteers to conserve geosites continually.
- Exchange the opinions about site's conservation and sustainable using at the education promotion committee meeting.
- Discuss about conservation activities of geopark at the Residents/Guides Committee meeting.

### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- The "Geopark Smart Stamp Rally" was held with a non-contact event system using smartphones, and about 800 people participated.
- We prints our action for SDGs in the Geopark Trail Maps.

### **New education programs on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**

- Volcano Meisters were dispatched eight times to the disaster mitigation education program of local schools.

### **Strategic partnership**

- Our Geopark will have a sister-geopark partnership with Leiqiong UGGp, China. The procedure is in progress.

### **Promotional activities**

- We participated in the promotion of the underground pedestrian space in Sapporo City to attract customers to the Geopark.
- Participated in a promotion for travel agencies and gave a presentation on the value of Geoparks in educational trips.
- Exchange the opinions about the promotion plans using new map with geotourism/administrative committee.
- Geopark have given promotion materials for disaster risk reduction education tour to schools and travel agencies, with a package of outdoor learning textbooks and Volcano Meisters' guided tours.

## **4. CONTACTS**

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