

# Yimengshan UNESCO Global Geopark

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## GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

### 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Yimengshan UNESCO Global Geopark (China, APGN)

**Year of inscription :** 2018

Representative Photo:



In the 6th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) Symposium, Yimengshan gained the certificate and recognized as a member of GGN. This is a photo of Coordinator Professor Jin Xiaochi and the manager Xie Dong of Yimengshan Global Geopark.

### 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 150 staffs including 10 geoscientists.

**Number of Visitors:** 400 000 visitors this year.

**Number of Geopark events:** Popular science lectures on geoheritage in primary and middle schools

Daigu Landform Peach Blossom Festival

2019 Yunmeng Lake Cycling Race

Geoheritage Scientific Research Activities for College Students

Geopark Training Workshop for local people

Earth Day Science Popularization

Geopark Knowledge Exhibition

Geopark staff training course

World Environment Day Activity

Mengshan Culture and Arts Festival

**Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:**50 classes in Mengshan Experimental School

**Number of Geopark press release:** About 1000 events through different ways of press release, for example, newspaper, website and so on.

### 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

#### **Major achievements in 2019**

Actively participated in the recommendation meeting of Yimengshan Global Geopark in Beijing Horticultural Expo;

Different kinds of popular science books related Yimengshan Global Geopark have been published.

Intelligent access control system has been installed in Geopark Museum and Visitor centers, and tour guides were trained specially to give tourist a better experience of Geopark.

#### **Management and Financial status**

Under the leadership of Linyi Government, Yimengshan UNESCO Global Geopark operated well without any geological disasters or geoheritages damage. Besides tourism income, Yimengshan gained strong financial support from Linyi Municipal Government, which makes all matters run smoothly and orderly.

#### **Geoconservation**

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

A large-scale investigation of geoheritage was carried out systematically in the geopark, clarifying the coordinates and protection measures.

Special protection and management plans have been formulated for the Xiaotianmen in Daigu Town and the Wangfushan rock in Beiliuzhuang, etc.

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

A series of popular science books have been written, and various school courses on geopark knowledge have been set up in the Mengshan Experimental School, a cooperative partner of the geopark.

### **Strategic Partnership**

Under the guidance of experts of China University of Geosciences (Beijing), we have established cooperative relations with universities such as Linyi University and Ludong University, and reached consensus with many companies in the region to promote the long-term sustainable development of Geopark.

### **Promotional activities**

In different scenic spots of Geopark, we displayed guide maps, geopark popular science books and travel brochures in Chinese and English, and large electronic screen advertisements were placed in railway stations and high-speed rail stations.

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