

The 2019 Annual Report on the Chinese Geoparks Network

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A. Short description on the National Geopark Forum/Committee

The highest management level in China was the Ministry of Land and Resources before 2018, with geopark evaluation committee, which is responsible for the examination and approval of national geoparks, policy-making, geopark development plan, financial support and daily geopark management at the national level, and also for the aspiring global geopark selection and recommendation. At present, the National Forestry and Grassland Administration is the authority body on geoparks and an official channel to deal with all the routine work in charge of relations with UNESCO on UGGp.

The Chinese Geoparks Network established in 2012, is in charge of coordination, organization of national and global geopark activities, and also plays as a platform for technical support and consultation for the National Forestry and Grassland Administration and geoparks family in China. At present, Chinese Geoparks Network (CGN) includes 220 national geoparks and 39 UNESCO Global Geoparks.

CGN, attached to the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, serves as a coordination and communication platform for both of national and global geoparks in China. CGN organizes common activities and also assists geoparks developing in science and education activities. As a part of GGN communication tools, CGN runs the GGN website (www.globalgeopark.org) and GGN Newsletter (electronic and paper printing). The budget of the Chinese Geoparks Network comes from Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences and financially supported by China Geological Survey and Central Public-interest Scientific Institution Basal Research Fund. CGN also keeps in touch with UNESCO, GGN and APGN.

B. Activities and events of the Chinese Geoparks Network

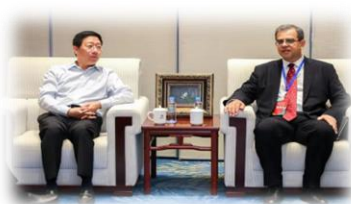
1. Support application & evaluation

---CGN supported Xiangxi & Zhangye to prepare and complete field evaluation missions, supported Xingyi & Longyan aspiring geoparks to Submit the Application dossier.

---CGN help 4 UGGps (Taining, Tianzhushan, Zhijindong and Dunhuang) in China undertaken the revalidation, of them 2 extensions (Zhijindong and Dunhuang).

2. Promote exchange, communication and networking

---Officials from the State Forestry and Grassland Administration (SFGA), China met with Prof. Nickolas Zouros, President of the GGN, and held talks in Beijing on strengthening future cooperation between the two sides.



---SFGA, GGN and Yanqing UGGp co-organized the theme event of Chinese Geoparks in Beijing Expo (Sept.), launched an initiative of Geoparks Day.

---Supported International training courses held by China University of Geosciences Beijing (Nov.), China, Lesvos Island UGGp, Greece (June), and Langkawi UGGp, Malaysia. Supported a training course on the plan of national geoparks and mining parks with more than 70 participants (July).

---Organizing China Global Geopark Popular Science Workshop on site Exchange, in Danxiashan UGGp (June 12-13)

---Actively cooperates with South American countries in Geoparks and participate in the activities organized by the Uruguayan Embassy in China.

---Huanggang Dabieshan UGGp organized a symposium on Geopark and regional economic development. More than 100 participants (May).

---One new evaluator nominated and 9 evaluations & revalidations involved by Chinese evaluators (June - Aug.).

---More than 150 Chinese delegates attended the 6th Symposium of Asia Pacific Geoparks Network in Lombok, Indonesia. 36 UGGp in China participated, with 20 oral presentations and 12 exhibitions (Sept.).

---The annual conference of UGGps in China held in Dunhuang UGGp (Oct.). This is a most important event of CGN for capacity building. Over 180 participants from SFGA, provincial departments and local governments, 39 Global Geoparks and relevant experts gathered to share achievements and experiences. A workshop on evaluation and revalidation was included during the meeting.

---Three issues of GGN Newsletter 2019 is published jointly with GGN Executive Board.

---Operating the bilingual (Chinese and English) GGN website and publishing more than 300 manuscripts.

---The annual meeting of Geological Society of China on Geotourism and Geoparks 2019 held in Longyan Aspiring Global Geopark (Nov.)

3. Organizing Special Promotion during the International Days

---The World Earth Day-**Most Beautiful Earth Mark**, a geopark photography contest for public through social media “WeChat” (April)

---International Disaster Reduction Day: Safe Homeland, Keep away from Disasters and Reduce



Losses, Promotion and Raising Public Awareness.

---International Mountain Day: Many UGGps in mountain area have the common topics.

---Workshop on Climate Change in Hongkong UGGp, China.

4. Enhancing geoheritage conservation, Strengthen Geopark management

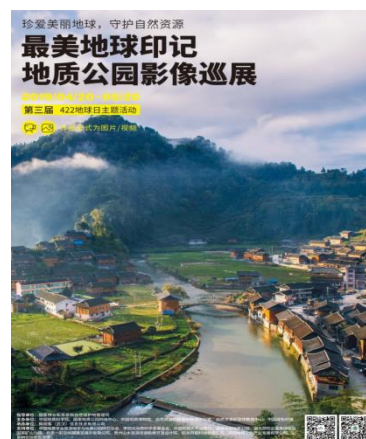
---Strengthening legal system

---Help the authorities to formulate the National Geoheritage Protection Plan (2020-2035), strengthening geo resources protection.

---Help identification of the National Important Geoheritage List, raising the public awareness of their value.

---Based on the Statutes of the International Geoscience and

Geoparks Programme and the Guidelines, help drawing up the guidelines of the domestic procedures for the application and revalidation of UGGp in China.



A poster of Earth Day 1

5. Activities held by UGGps respectively

---Danxiashan UGGp completed the Mentorship and Knowledge Exchange Programme with two representatives of Yangan-Tau Aspiring geopark, Russia.

---Many UGGps in China held a varieties of activities on sister geoparks, volunteer camp, training programme involving communities and the excursion of international symposium on granite.

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