GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Cheongsong UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2017



Promotion booth of Cheongsong UGGp at the Korea National Geopark Festival

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 staffs including 2 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 5,000,000+

Number of Geopark events: over 5 times

Korea Geopark Festival, Geopark Picnic, International Geomusic Festival, Geolife,
International Earth Science Olympiad etc.



Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: over ten times (4 partner schools operated school classes)

Number of Geopark press release:

- GGN Newsletter: 1 time (Training courses to enhance geo-tour guides' capacity in Cheongsong UGGp)
- New articles and TV broadcastings: over ten release



3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

• Held 'Korea Geopark Festival': the event consisted of geointerpreter education, performances, promotion booths, geotrailing, and geointerpreter contests.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

Participated in 6th Asian Pacific Geoparks Conference 2019

Management and Financial Status

- Managed by Cheongsong county
- Financially supported by central and local government

Geoconservation

- All geosites are protected by Cultural Protection Laws, Natural Park Laws, and the Ordinance on Management and Maintenance of Cheongsong Geopark.
- Conducted monthly monitoring using the checklist for effective conservation of geosites.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

 Developed the ecotourism program: related the visitors to the 25 geopartners, including local food restaurants, the Flower Stone Museum, white porcelain-making experience, etc.

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

 Geolife: A program to talk and learn about lifestyles and cultures of residents in the Cheongsong UGGp and the associated geology and environment such as making dinosaurs out of recycled materials (upcycling)

Strategic partnership

 Established sisterhood relationships with Aso UGGp (Japan) and Exchanged letter of intent for a partnership with the Hwanggang Dabieshan UGGp (China)

Promotional activities

Many promotional activities on Newsletter, TV, Festival, Fair etc.

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