

## GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

### 1. Geopark Identity

Geopark name, country, regional network: Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark (China)

Year of inscription and validation: 2017

Representative photo (from the most important event this year)



Opening Ceremony of the Summit Forum of "The Geological Heritage Protection and Sustainable Development of Global Geoparks"

### 2. Geopark Figures

Number of Geopark staffs: 41 employees, including 5 geologists

Number of Visitors: 1.608 million

Number of Geopark events: 18

Number of school classes conducting Geopark educational programmes: 20

Number of news releases published by the Geopark: 17

### 3. Geopark Activities

#### Key achievements in 2020

□ On June 9, 2020, the First Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark Cultural Product Creative Design Competition successfully ended. The competition took Cultural Product Creative Design Competition as the platform so as to improve the cultural and creative product system of the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark, create a cultural and creative brand with Huanggang characteristics and consistently enhance the popularity and influence of the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark.

□ From October 30 to November 2, 2020, the summit forum of "The Geological Heritage Protection and Sustainable Development of Global Geoparks" was held in Huanggang city. This forum represented the practical actions of implementing sustainable development strategy to construct modernization of harmonious coexistence between men and nature, and promoting the protection and development of the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark.

#### Contributions to GGN - Networking and Participation

□ The Geopark has participated in the 2020 China UNESCO Global Geopark Annual Conference, the Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Coordinator Conference (online), the First GGN Digital Forum (online), the 6th UNESCO International Training Course on the Management and Development of Global Geoparks and other activities.

□ On September 19, 2020, guided by the development principle of "Protect the Ecological Environment and Cherish Natural Resources", the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark actively participated in the 2020 "Clean Up the World

Weekend” activity in response to the call of the Global Geoparks Network.

□ On September 25, 2020, the Geopark was invited to the Opening Ceremony of Zhangye UNESCO Global Geopark and the Opening Ceremony of the Zhangye Branch Institute of China University of Geosciences (Beijing) Research Institute for Nature and Culture in Zhangye City, Gansu Province in order to enhance exchange learning and promote sustainable development among Global Geoparks.

□ On October 20, 2020, the Geopark was invited to the 10th Ningde UNESCO Global Geopark Culture Tourism Festival in Fu’an city, Fujian Province.

□ From December 7 to December 12, 2020, Seven workers of Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark attended the 6th International Training Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks Management and Development held in Yimengshan UNESCO Global Geopark, Shandong Province.

□ The Geopark provided a number of Chinese and English publicity reports for Global Geoparks Network (GGN), including 3 news releases for GGN Website and 1 newsletter for GGN News (submitted articles).

#### **Management and Financial Status:**

□ The Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark has an independent and full financial budget from the government, which has effectively secured the daily expenditure of official business.

□ The Geopark has secured a special fund of 1 million yuan(RMB) for geological heritage protection from the Hubei Provincial Department of Natural Resources, providing sufficient funds for geological heritage protection and science popularization.

□ The Geopark has applied for the 14th Five-Year Cultural Tourism Promotion Project of the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark.

#### **Geological heritage protection**

□ The Geopark has established a patrol mechanism for geological heritage protection.

□ The Geopark has established a monitoring system for geological heritage.

□ The Geopark has collaborated with the doctoral research groups from Wuhan University of Technology and Huanggang Normal University to build a research platform for geological heritage protection and development.

□ On October 15, Qiu Lixin, the mayor of Huanggang City, issued a government order to implement the *Regulations of Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark* from January 1, 2021. According to the order, the principles of scientific planning, unified management, strict protection, rational development and sustainable use should be adopted to strengthen the management and protection of the Geopark.

□ The Geopark has completed the main project of Monitoring and Protection Station of Geological Environment, decoration and exhibition, etc. The next step is to install equipment. After the construction, the Geopark will provide the opportunities of visiting, touring and learning to the society, expand the scope of science popularization, improve the scientific taste and science popularization function of the Geopark, guide the tourists to establish the consciousness of geological heritage protection, build a platform of scientific research and science popularization education for scientific and technical workers and tourists, hence providing a comprehensive and in-depth approach for geoscience popularization.

#### **Sustainable Tourism (Geo-tourism)**

□ 7 papers, including *Analysis on the Runoff Evolution Characteristics of Huangwei River Basin in Dabie Mountain*, have been published in journals, promoting the

Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark from the perspectives of geological characteristics and geological hazards, etc.

□3 new tourist centers have been built or improved, and some areas have been added with ecological parking lots, toilets, tourist service centers, tour buses, transfer buses, greening, tourist trails and other infrastructures.

□A 30-meter publicity banner, 201 interpretation panels, and a popular science corridor have been updated.

#### **New education programs on geological heritage protection, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**

□ A series of science popularization activities of "Enter the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark" are to be organized to popularize geological knowledge, promote scientific spirits, spread scientific thoughts, advocate scientific methods, give full play to the function of science popularization platform and brand effect of the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark, hence serving for the transformation and upgrade of Huanggang tourism industry, and making new and greater contributions to the construction of a beautiful Huanggang city.

#### **Strategic Partners**

□The Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark has established sister-geopark relationships with the Funiushan Global Geopark, Ningde Global Geopark and Qingsong Global Geopark (Korea) respectively. For the next step, the Geopark will carry out practical cooperation with sister-geoparks in order to learn valuable experience, explore actively and expand fields of exchange and cooperation, accomplish resource sharing, and jointly promote the scientific management and sustainable development of protected areas.

#### **Promoting Activities**

□A popular science reading *Thinking While Watching - The Story Behind the Museum of the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark* has been published, which tells the story of the earth and geological stories in Dabie Mountains with geological knowledge and geological specimens displayed in the Huanggang Dabieshan Geopark Museum.

□The documentary Wonders of Dabie Mountains (Geology Episode, Ecology Episode, Culture Episode) has been shot. From the aspects of geology, ecology and culture, the documentary has presented the high quality and value of abundant geological heritage, plant and animal resources, excellent ecological environment and profound cultural heritages in the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark to the world.

□The Geopark has held a number of on-campus popular science lectures, such as the lectures in Wuhan Wusi Primary School and Wuhan Optics Valley Tangxun Lake School of Central China Normal University No.1 Affiliated Middle School, in order to popularize the knowledge of the Geopark to students and lead them to gain a better understanding of the Huanggang Dabieshan UNESCO Global Geopark. More than 500 teachers and students have participated in the activities.

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