

# APGN NEWS BRIEFING



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1. Third APGN Week

2. 7th APGN Symposium



22-28 April 2022, Starting with Celebrating the Earth Day

## Third APGN Week

**Celebrating earth heritage, Demonstrating resilience,  
Boosting confidence, Strengthening networking**

Dear colleagues,

The Third APGN Week is approaching. In 2020 and 2021, we successfully celebrated the First and Second APGN Weeks respectively, despite the difficult conditions caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Many members took part with great enthusiasm in the fairs, and well demonstrated their creativities. Beyond almost everybody's expectation, the Covid-19 Pandemic is still not over, and the Third APGN Week again would be operated in limited dimensions. Anyhow, we have gained more experiences in living and working in such an unusual situation, and known more about how to efficiently protect our communities. Some countries have opened up in March, the rest remain taking measures of varied strengths.

In this context, we hope that the Third APGN Week will, so far as the situations allow, best arouse our enthusiasm to promote the philosophy of UGGp, to activate more good practices, to demonstrate UGGp's resilience, and to strengthen the networking.

Some Geoparks have decided to continue the activities that were well received during the Second APGN Week; some geoparks are planning new activities that would best fit their own conditions. We expect more Geoparks will soon join in. As always, we are at your disposal. For a successful APGN Week!

Xiaochi, Ibrahim, and Setsuya

**W**e encourage all members to celebrate the Third APGN Week in various possible ways that best fit the actual situation of the territories at this moment. Probable Activities may be but not limited to

- Celebrating the Earth Day
- Promotion of Geoparks
- Interaction among sister Geoparks
- Interaction among Geoparks with similar/same kinds of geoheritage
- Lectures in Geopark schools
- Geohazards mitigation education/demonstration
- Geoheritage interpretation; E-classroom
- Cultural and intangible heritage demonstration
- SDGs of APGN Members
- ... ..

The idea is

- to let more people to understand the UGGp philosophy
- to demonstrate the synergy of geological, cultural, historical and intangible heritage of Geoparks
- to make local people more proud of their hometown
- to increase the momentum of sustainable development of local communities

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## 7th APGN Symposium



**The 7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium**

**4 - 11 September 2022, Satun UNESCO Global Geoparks, Thailand**

Thanks to the great efforts of colleagues of Satun UGGp and DMR of Thailand, the preparation of the 7th APGN Symposium has been conducted efficiently. Members are encouraged to take active part in the symposium. More information of the 7th APGN Symposium can be found on the symposium website.

<http://satunapgn2022.org/>