

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2018

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Izu Peninsula UNESCO Global Geopark (Japan, 2018, APGN)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2018/ -



*Inauguration of the UNESCO Global Geopark designation, April 18, 2018*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 10 staffs including three geoscientific professionals

Number of Visitors: 25779 (Geopark museum visitors)

Number of Geopark events: 58

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programs: 40 schools

Number of Geopark press release: 102

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### ***Major achievements in 2018***

- Renewal of the website in total.
- Organizing 3rd rogaining game, an orienteering sport of long distance

cross-territory navigation.

- UNESCO Global Geopark designation celebration event and the symposium.
- Celebration of the International Day of Disaster Reduction (13 October) and special exhibition at the museum
- Organizing a painting contest for elementary and secondary school pupils and students.
- Organizing training courses for certified geo-guides.
- Organizing science workshops for kids at the museum regularly.
- Organizing six “GEO Café” events for geopark popularization.
- Organizing weekly seminar for staffs and geo-guides on the museum closing day.
- Organizing a cultural workshop for national geoparks of central Japan.
- Scientific research initiatives: In order to encourage the publication of the international peer-review article conducting field research in the Izu Peninsula, competitive grants-in-aid for scientific research provided for three leading scientists.

#### ***Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation***

- Participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks at Adamello Brenta UGGp: providing three oral presentations those lessons from Izu Peninsula UGGp.
- Despatching a scientist as a lecturer for regional training course on UNESCO Global Geoparks - Perspectives for National Commissions for UNESCO in Asia and the Pacific Region held at Oki Islands UGGp. (25 May – 1 June 2018)
- Despatching scientists for providing oral presentation at 6<sup>th</sup> Science Popularization Capacity Building Workshop held at the Hong Kong UGGp.
- Hosting three geopark management trainees for two weeks long from West Java Provincial Government and the Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu UGGp, Indonesia.
- Receiving the delegates from Department of Mineral Resources of Thailand's Government and Satun UGGp. (5 July 2018)
- Hosting geopark school pupils' educational excursion despatching from Hong Kong UGGp. (11-15 November 2018)
- Despatching a staff, a geologist and certified guides to the Jeju UGGp, R. Korea for international guide training (25-28 October 2018)
- Despatching a staff for an evaluation mission of an aspiring geopark. (July 2018)

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

- *Financial status of the geopark is stable with its operating budget for FY2018 which totals at JPY 49,101,163*

### ***Geoconservation***

- Surface peel preservations and creating 3D stereo imageries of exposures appeared on the three construction sites those were going to be destroyed.
- Upgrading and building additional interpretation panels at the sites.

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

- Implementing the on-site regular guided tour which do not require advance booking. They are; a boat tour for coastal geosite, a gold mine tour, a waterfall tour, and a volcanic cinder cone tour.
- 325 geo-tours have been operated by geo-guides, municipalities and geopark partners with the total participants of 6,500.

### ***New education programs on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction***

- Geopark educational programs provided for 40 schools in the territory.
- Education working group of the geopark council has been registered as a Japanese hub for ESD initiatives.

### ***Strategic Partnership***

- Printing 16 geopark stories on the package of the local milk which is providing for school lunch mostly in the territory. Annual production is more than 10 million by a partner agricultural cooperative.

### ***Promotional activities***

- Numerous radio-TV and newspapers interviews and articles on the Geopark's activities in the national, regional and local media.
- Spreading geopark information using social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

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