

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

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

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



Start of the 5th Izu Peninsula Geopark rogaining game

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 10 staffs including 3 geoscientists

**Number of visitors:** 19424 (Geopark museum visitors)

**Number of Geopark events:** 67

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs:** 124

**Number of Geopark press release:** 82

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2019

- Newly organized a training course for 37 new geopark staffs involved in national geopark organizing bodies. Lectures were delivered by GGN/APGN council members and other geopark specialists.
- Organizing 5th rogaining game, an orienteering sport of long distance cross-territory

navigation. Participants' number was 190.

- Organizing a painting contest for elementary and secondary school pupils and students.
- Organizing half-year long training courses for 31 new certified geo-guides.
- Organizing variety of workshops regularly for kids and local people at the museum intending rediscovering our own area.
- Organizing five "GEO Café" and four "Science Café" events for geopark popularization.
- Organizing two different level of the geopark certification tests for the aim of stimulating peoples' concern on the geopark.
- Special exhibition at the museum for introducing a sister geopark.
- Organizing weekly seminar for the stuffs and the geo-guides on the museum closing day.

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

- Participation in the 6th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) Symposium at Rinjani-Lombok UGGp: providing three oral presentations those lessons from Izu Peninsula UGGp.
- Hosting two geopark specialists training course for two-week long technical transfer invited from the Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu UGGp, Indonesia.
- Despatching a scientist as a liaison and provided various kinds of geopark activities feedback to the Ciletuh-Parabuhanratu UGGp. (August 2019)
- Receiving the delegates from Sukabumi Regency of Indonesia and provided our own geopark initiatives transfer.
- Making an agreement of sister geopark between Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu UGGp.
- Despatching a certified guides to an aspiring geopark, R. Korea for guiding implementation.
- Receiving academic faculty members from Thailand and Nepal introducing geopark activities and the technical transfer of outcrop conservation.
- Japanese language translation of the leaflet of the Mount Tianzhu UGGp, P.R. China.
- Despatching a staff for an evaluation mission of an aspiring geopark (June 2019) and for a revalidation of a geopark. (July 2019)

### **Management and Financial Status**

- Financial status of the geopark is stable with its operating budget for FY2019 which totals at JPY 68,617,565.

### **Geoconservation**

- Surface peel preservations of exposures appeared on the road construction sites. Decorated peel and educational materials were presented to the vicinity elementary school.

- Upgrading and building additional interpretation panels at the sites.

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

- Implementing the on-site regular guided tour which do not require advanced booking. They are; a boat tour for coastal geosite, a gold mine tour, and a waterfall tour.
- 315 geo-tours have been operated by geo-guides, municipalities and geopark partners with the total participants of 29,000.

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

- Geopark educational programs provided for 71 schools in the territory.
- Education working group of the geopark council has been registered as a Japanese hub for ESD initiatives.
- High-school students made geosite introduction stories stating “GEO TRAIN” runs at a partner local railway company.

### **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. Elderly people submitted old stories and it also can be a tool for disintegration of the past records.
- New interpretation panels were settled at the ecological sites cooperatively together with “Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS; other UN led conservation program)” management body.

### **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, Youtube)

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