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On 24 March 2025 the Asia Pacific Geoparks Network held its Regional Workshop on SDGs, summarizing the Lessons learned and previewing the future work for achieving the 17 SDGs. This was one of a serial events coordinated by GGN and its regional networks to facilitate reaching the SDGs in UGGp territories. These events are also supported by UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section.

Successively similar workshops would be held for Geoparks in Canada and Latin America on Wednesday 26 March 2025 at 16.00 GMT, and for Geoparks in Africa and Europe on Friday 28 March 2025 at 11.00 am GMT

At the beginning of the APGN workshop, APGN Coordinator Xiaochi Jin and GGN President Nickolas Zouros gave welcome speeches and explanations of the motives of organizing the serial workshops.

Then Kana Furusawa introduced the results of UNESCO Global Geoparks' SDGs Reporting exercise for the year 2023. This was followed by Lulin Wang's (China Univ. Geosciences) presentation on APGN contribution in SDGs through Capacity Building. Thereafter, 11 colleagues from different Geoparks shared their good practice towards different SDGs. Hoang Xuân Don



(Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp, Viet Nam) talked with the title “Disaster preparedness, geotourism and promotion of organic/traditional agroproducts: comprehensive solutions to reduce poverty. SDG 1 & 2”. Jooah Choi (Republic of Korean Global Geoparks Network) introduced “Good practices of Korean Global Geoparks in achieving the SDGs”. Soma Sayedyounesi (Iranian UGGps Local community advisor) presented the “Best practice of

Iranian UGGps for Women's empowerment. SDG 5". Wen Huang (Tianzhushan UGGp, China) presented their "Good practice of water resource protection and sustainable development. SDG 6". Mauriri McGlinchey (Waitaki Whitestone UGGp, New Zealand) talked about "Weaving the cultural narratives of Te Runanga o Moeraki into the identity and initiatives of the Waitaki Whitestone UGGp. SDG 10". Koki Nagata (Aso UGGp, Japan) presented "Maintaining relationship between people living in villages to enhance disaster resilience — a case study of Aso Geopark's efforts in the Kumamoto Earthquake. SDG 11". Ana R Septiana (Raja Ampat UGGp, Indonesia) presented their "Implementation of Wonderful Indonesia sustainable experience (WISE) trips: the journey of lower carbon tourism in Raja Ampat UGGp. SDG 13". Nattaphan Kecharananta (Satun UGGp, Thailand) showed how "the sustainable conserva-

tion of marine and freshwater resources through collaborative efforts. SDG 14" has been achieved. Rasanubari Abd Hamid (Langkawi UGGp, Malaysia) told "the Geomangrove story: protecting life on land. SDG 15". Vicky Choi (Hong Kong UGGp, China) told the story of "Nurturing an inclusive society in an art festival. SDGs 8, 16 & 17". Joanne Pinat (Bohol UGGp, Philippines) share their good practice in "Weaving partnerships, connecting lives. SDG 17"

The workshop was attended by around 110 participants. It provided a very good opportunity for APGN members to share their good practices and learn from each other. It was expected that some good practice would be conducted by more Geoparks during the coming APGN Week in late April and further become routine practice.

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22-28 April 2025, Starting with Celebrating the Earth Day

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Sixth APGN Week

10th Anniversary
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Celebrating earth heritage - Strengthening networking

The Sixth APGN Week continued with the theme of *Celebrating Earth Heritage and Strengthening Networking*. Member geoparks held numerous events/activities, demonstrating the philosophy and achievements of Global Geoparks.

2025 marks the 10th anniversary of UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGps), which is

a milestone in the course of Global Geoparks development. Geoparks were encouraged to organize meaningful and enjoyable events during the Sixth APGN Week to celebrate the 10th anniversary of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Events/activities briefed below are based on the feedback from geoparks.

2.1 Sister Geoparks Mutual Exhibition

Yandangshan UGGp, Danxiashan UGGp together with more than 40 geoparks in China joined the "Sister Geoparks Mutual Exhibition". This event has been held successively during the APGN Week for years. At this event, each geopark held a poster exhibition in its information center, muse-

um or open square to promote all the participating geoparks, with at least one poster for each geopark. The exhibition started on 22 April, the World Earth Day, and continued for a week. It introduced each geopark's significant geological heritage sites, cultural and

intangible heritage items, conservation strategies, eco-tourism, etc. This exhibition attracted numerous visitors, school students and local residents, being a very successful activity to publicize the idea of Global Geoparks.



2.2 Cao Bang UGGp, Vietnam

1. Initiation of self-service shelves in Dia Tren paper production village

On 21 April, the Management Board of the Geopark, Geopark partners and residents of Dia Tren village conducted cleanup and landscaping activity in the village. In addition, a self-service shelf for local agricultural and Geopark products, a donation box for environmental sanitation in the village, and an information panel in-

roducing the village for the convenience of tourists were installed. This is a part of long-term approach to consult and support local people and Geopark partners in preserving and developing traditional craft villages and community-based tourism at Dia Tren paper production village (Quang Hoa district).



2. Training interpretation and tour guiding skills for local communities and Geopark partners

On 28 April, the Geopark held a capacity building workshop on interpretation and tour guiding skills. Participants included residents of traditional craft villages, community-based tourism villages and workers of restaurants and hotels that are Geopark partners. They were provided with an overview of the Geopark and

equipped with basic interpretation, reception and tour guiding skills. They also spent time developing interpretation narratives and practicing interpreting specific sites during the workshop. Following up the training workshop, a field trip in the Geopark was conducted for the participants to practice on-site. This activity aims to enhance the skills of local people and Geopark partners as local guides in the Geopark.



3. Contest of “Preserving Tay and Nung languages for Secondary and High Schools students in the Geopark territory”

In order to raise the awareness and responsibility of students and the community for preserving and promoting ethnic cultural heritage, the Management Board of the geopark in collaboration with the Department of Education and Training organized the Contest of "Preserving the Tay and Nung Ethnic Languages for Secondary and High School Students in the Non nuoc Cao Bang Geopark territory". This competition was not only a knowledgeable and creative playground but also an opportunity for students to explore and preserve the ethnic minorities' languages. It played an important role in protecting the indigenous languages from the risk of disappearance. The contest attracted the participation of 57 teams. The preliminary round was held on April 28 and 29. Twelve selected teams were scheduled to compete in the semifinal round on May 20, 2025. Along with the contest, a wide range of activities on preserving and promoting ethnic languages have been conducted by Geopark Ambassador Clubs.



2.3 Dak Nong UGGp, Vietnam

1. Exhibition Brings Heritage Closer to the People

Held in Krong No District, the exhibition “Enhancing Public Engagement with Museum Artefacts” was jointly organized with the Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Dak Nong Province. This event showcased a wide

range of archaeological, cultural, and historical items from the Dak Nong Museum. It successfully fostered awareness and appreciation of cultural heritage among students and local residents while deepening pride in Vietnam’s rich historical legacy.



2. Dak Nong Featured in National Television Broadcast

On 18 April, the Management Board of Dak Nong UGGp collaborated with Vietnam Television (VTV4) in producing a special documentary film to promote Dak Nong's unique geological features, cultural heritage, and tourism potential. Emphasis was placed on the Geopark's global value as a highlight on Vietnam's tourism and scientific map. Once finalized, the film was expected to be broadcasted on national television and digital platforms such as Facebook and YouTube, bringing wider visibility to the province's efforts in sustainable development and heritage preservation.



3. Earth Day Celebration with University Students

On 22 April, the World Earth Day, Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark hosted a special educational event for students from the Geo-science School, University of Science, Vietnam National University. It included presentations by Geopark experts introducing key geological and geomorphological features of the region, followed by a joint field excursion to

explore significant geosites within the Geopark.

The highlight of the day was the signing of a MoU between the Dak Nong UNESCO Global Geopark and the Geoscience School. This marked a strategic step in fostering long-term cooperation in research, education, and training.



2.4 Dong Van UGGp, Vietnam

The Management Board of the Dong Van Karst Plateau UGGp organized a field trip for 80 students from four schools within the Geopark area to visit and experience key heritage sites, providing opportunities for them to explore and learn directly the geo-

logical formations, and the values of natural and cultural heritage of the Geopark. A mini-game with questions and answers on the Geopark's heritage values was also held for the students.



In addition, the geopark launched the “Corner of Partner Geoparks” at the Dong Van District Visitor Centre. This exhibition features documents, publications, images, and signature products from

partner geoparks that have signed cooperation agreements with the Dong Van Global Geopark, as well as materials and publications from the Global Geoparks Network (GGN).



2.5 Enshi UGGp, China

On 22 April 2025, the 56th World Earth Day, the Enshi Grand Canyon-Tenglongdong UGGp unveiled its newly constructed Permian Biosphere Immersive Experience Center in Jiantian Village, initiating the Sixth APGN Week celebration.

At the ceremony, Geopark Director Mr. Tan Zhixiong inaugurated the experience center with a plaque presentation. Over 80 participants including students and villagers engaged in interactive geo-education through holographic displays and hands-on experiments, culminating in an environment protection pledge ceremony and geo-science quiz with specially designed souvenirs.

The center showcases globally significant Permian sponge reef formations within Jiantian

Village's dramatic karst landscape, featuring cascading waterfalls and ancient riverbeds. "This public science engagement center preserves 250-million-year-old geological heritage while boosting our community's visibility," remarked local resident Sun Guofu, noting increased tourist engagement since the project's inception.

Geopark administrators announced forthcoming initiatives including specialized Permian reef research programs led by academic experts, development of tailored geoeducation curricula, and professional training for community interpreters. These efforts aim to amplify the geopark's scientific narrative and inspire public curiosity about the Earth's mysteries.



2.6 Funiushan UGGp , China

On 22 April 2025, Funiushan UGGp launched in the Junshan Square the three-dimensional publicity platform. The "Earth Knowledge Corridor", composed of 10 science popularization exhibition boards, vividly displayed the geological landforms of Funiushan. More than 1,000 illustrated promotional brochures made geological and environmental protection knowledge easily accessible. Staff members, with

reference to the geological heritage of Funiushan UGGp, explained to the public "why we need to protect biodiversity" and "how to practice the low-carbon daily life". Moreover, through fun games and rewarding quizzes, visitors learned geological knowledge in a relaxed and pleasant way.

An environment protection activity was conducted by skilled personnel along a ten-kilometer winding mountain road. They not only carefully cleaned up the road, but also professionally removed loose rocks, maintaining the integrity of geological heritage and ensuring the safety of tourists.

During the APGN Week, the official establishment of the Xixia Dinosaur Egg Fossils Field Scientific Observation and Research Station by the Ministry of Natural Resources marked a new step in the geological scientific research work of Funiushan UGGp.

Children from Nanyang No.2 School attended a wonderful science popularization lecture titled "The Secrets Hidden in Dinosaur Eggs". With fossil specimens and VR technology, students traveled through time and space to explore the mysteries of ancient life.



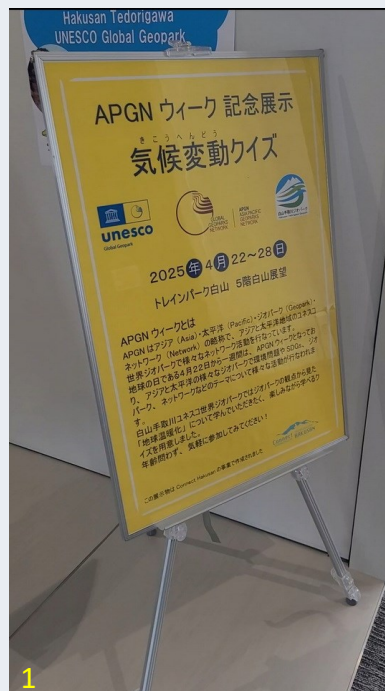
2.7 Hakusan Tedorigawa UGGp, Japan

1. Re-usable Climate Change Quiz exhibition was held at Popular Train Museum in order to celebrate APGN Week from April 22.

Hundreds of people, especially children who were visiting the museum, stopped by the exhibition corner to test their knowledge of climate change. The exhibition introduced the APGN, and covers topics on climate change from basics, to local phenomena, and actions to take.

2. SNS Posts Highlighting APGN Geoparks

To share the beauty of the APGN to the geopark's followers, four Geoparks were introduced that the Hakusan team has visited in the past few years. These included Hong Kong UGGp, Oki Islands



UGGp, Hantangang River UGGp, and Non Nuoc Cao Bang UGGp. The posts received over 600 views in total.

2.8 Hong Kong UGGp, China

As a key organization dedicated to conserving geological heritage and promoting Earth science knowledge, Hong Kong Geopark organized a series of events from 30 March to 5 May to celebrate both Earth Day and the 6th APGN Week, attracting nearly 120 participants.

The activities included nature tours and clean-up efforts in the Geopark. Before the clean-up, representatives from Hong Kong Geopark conducted guided tours for the participants to foster their appreciation and love of nature and understanding of the importance of the natural environment, highlighting the importance of environmental protection. Among the participants were recycling experts, who provided engaging insights into waste types, decomposition and recycling. The participants then took practical steps to clean up several sites in the Geopark, including the East Dam of the High Island Reservoir, Long Ke Wan, and the entire island of Tung Ping Chau, collecting marine debris along the coast. The participants noted that compared to typical volunteer clean-up activities, this event offered a deeper experience and a wealth of knowledge, making it particularly meaningful.



2.9 Jeju Island UGGp, R. Korea

On April 17, 2025, the Jeju Island UGGp conducted an environmental campaign along the Suwolbong coastline, one of the iconic sites of the Geopark. It brought together local residents, representatives from the local government, and the global company OB Beer in a collective effort to protect the environment. At the core of the event was a “plogging” activity—a combination of jogging and picking up litter—through which participants took direct action to preserve the island’s natural heritage. More than 250 participants joined the event.

Volunteers actively cleaned the coastline, an effort to reduce marine debris and raise awareness about coastal pollution. On-site interpreters provided participants with insights into the geological significance of Suwolbong and the importance of conserving such areas, strengthening their understanding of the activity’s impact.

The campaign was featured in local media and praised as “a first step in protecting Jeju’s nature—led by the government and embraced

by residents and business partners.” It has been highlighted as a leading example of Jeju Island’s approach to practical, community based, environmental stewardship.



On April 22, the Geopark held a special outdoor Geo-School program in collaboration with first-year students from Hyodon Middle School. This event merged geoscience education with environmental action, allowing children to apply their understanding of Earth and their local community in practical ways.

Geo-School is a hands-on educational program that allows elementary students in Jeju to explore geological heritage sites, fostering a deeper appreciation for environment and sustainability. It offered students a more in-depth learning experience guided by professional geopark interpreters.

The program began with an indoor class on the origin and significance of the Earth Day, followed by discussions on how the younger generations can contribute to protecting our environment. Next, students visited the Seogwipo Formation, an iconic geosites in Jeju, where they examined sedimentary layers and marine fossil beds, deepening their understanding of the Jeju island's geological formation and its preserved natural history.

The highlight of the day was the “Wang Bang Joop GEO” activity – a plogging event

named by blending local Jeju dialect (‘Wang’ meaning ‘come,’ ‘Bang’ meaning ‘see,’ and ‘Joop’ meaning ‘pick’) with the English word ‘Geo,’ playfully replacing the Korean suffix ‘~hajiyo’ at the end. The name conveys the message: *“Come, see, and pick up together!”*

As an island region, Jeju faces critical challenges regarding marine waste. Students learned how ocean currents and wind direct the movement of marine debris and engaged in conversations about the causes of ocean pollution and ways to address it.

While exploring the Seogwipo Formation, students revisited their classroom learning as they picked up litter along the coastline. This hands-on activity fostered a deeper connection to nature and their community.



2.10 Kanbula UGGp, China

On 22 April, the World Earth Day, the Kanbula Global Geopark held a geological science promotion activity with the theme of "Cherish the Earth and Harmonious Coexistence between Man and Nature" in front of the Visitor Center of the Geopark.

At the event, Geopark staff distributed science promotion brochures and flyers to visitors, and explained knowledge of geological disaster prevention and ecological protection to tourists and the public through science display boards. With these interactive experience, visitors realized the preciousness of geological heritage and expressed the willingness to practice a green lifestyle.



2.11 Langkawi UGGp, Malaysia

In conjunction with the APGN Week 2025 and Earth Day celebrations, Langkawi UGGp conducted a series of programs, which were designed to enhance public awareness on conservation, strengthen sustainable practices among the community, and promote appreciation for Langkawi's geological, ecological, and cultural heritage.

Mega Island Geosite Clean-Up (Mega IGSC 2025) at Kilim Karst Geoforest Park on 22 April

The clean-up took place in two sessions:

Morning Session: 80 participants, Locations: Gua Cherita – 35 plastic bags collected (175 kg), Pasir Panjang – 22 plastic bags collected (110 kg)

Afternoon Session: 54 participants, Locations: Teluk Mempelam – 17 plastic bags collected (85 kg), Teluk Dalam – 45 plastic bags collected (225 kg)

A total of **595 kilograms of marine debris** was collected through the enthusiastic efforts of volunteers. This initiative highlighted the importance of community involvement in protecting the coastal and marine ecosystems of Langkawi Geopark.



Geopark to School Program at SMK Mahsuri

On 23 April 2025, the Geopark to School Program was organized at SMK Mahsuri involving 150 Form Three students. The program commenced with a briefing session delivered by Ms. Nordiana Nordin, Head of the Geopark and Sustainability Section of the Langkawi Development Authority (LADA), who introduced the concept and significance of Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark.



In conjunction with Earth Day, the event also featured a symbolic tree sapling handover ceremony to promote environmental conservation.

The program included interactive activities such as quizzes, crossword puzzles, and an “Explorace Puzzle” challenge, which successfully captured the students’ interest and deepened their understanding of the concept of Geoparks.

Academic Visit to Langkawi Geopark Discovery Centre (LGDC)

On 24 April, LGDC welcomed an academic visit by 113 Sixth Form students and 10 accompanying teachers from SMK Mahsuri and SMK Yan.

The objective of the visit was to expose students to Langkawi’s geological diversity, biodiversity, cultural heritage, and the importance of environmental preservation. The students received a briefing on the background and role of Langkawi Geopark, followed by a guided tour of the exhibition areas.



Nature Walk & Bird Watching Program

On 26 April, Langkawi Geopark conducted a Nature Walk and Bird Watching Program with 25 enthusiastic participants, led by renowned naturalist Mr. Irshad Mobarak and the Jungle Walla Tours team to wetland area near Bonton Resort, Langkawi.

Participants explored the lush wetlands, observing bird species such as the Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Great Egret, Red-wattled Lapwing, and Langkawi’s iconic Helang (eagle).



Oil Recycling Initiative: “Oil Recycle for Cash” Program

On 27 April, Langkawi Geopark successfully organized the "Oil Recycle for Cash" initiative to promote recycling and environmental responsibility.

A total of 32 participants joined the program, collectively recycling 447 kilograms of used cooking oil and earning a total collection value of RM 1,393.10.

The initiative aimed to cultivate recycling habits among the community while providing financial incentives and reducing environmental pollution.



Langkawi Geopark Visitor Survey (Phase 1)

On 28 April, Langkawi Geopark conducted Phase 1 of the Visitor Survey project at key tourist locations e.g. Kuah Passenger Jetty, SkyCab Langkawi and Kilim Karst Geoforest Park.

The objectives of the survey were to strengthen the quality of visitor experiences, gather direct feedback, and ensure Langkawi remains a world-class geopark tourism destination.

The survey was conducted with the support of Geopark officers, student interns and participating visitors.

Findings from this survey will be used to enhance Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark's services and offerings in line with global best practice.



2.12 Leye-Fengshan UGGp, China

Museum visit: Exploring Geological Codes

On 21 April, the Leye-Fengshan UGGp Museum was transformed into a "real-life classroom". Guided by science popularization personnel, hundreds of students explore the formation and geological history of karst landforms through exhibition boards and specimen displays, combined with photoelectric models, multimedia, bionics and

other high-tech means. During the event, there was a knowledge quiz session, with students answering questions around topics of the background of the geopark and the characteristics of the geological heritage. Special prizes, such as the geopark's chess and jigsaws, stimulated students' enthusiasm for exploration and made knowledge learning more interesting.



Popular science into campus

The Geopark's Popular Science Group, in conjunction with the County Science and Technology Association, went to Siyuan Primary School in Fengshan County. They guide the students to appreciate the beauty of geological heritage by playing videos of hometown wonders such as Dashiwei

Tiankeng, Jiangzhou Xianren Bridge, and Sanmenhai Skylight Group. Their popular science lectures transformed scientific knowledge into stories of the long history of the earth. There was an interactive question-and-answer session with rewards of geopark souvenirs.



2.13 Longyan UGGp, China

1. Longyan Geopark together with more than 40 geoparks joined the mutual exhibition event and made it in geopark's visitor center and Longyan University, featuring diverse geological landscapes such as Danxia, Karst, and Glacier formations, highlighting the geological heritage and cultural diversity in these geoparks.



2. From 18 to 20 April the Geopark held four lectures for local residents and university students on geological hazard prevention, biodiversity conservation, and cultural heritage development, benefiting over 300 participants.



3. Interactive activities at Jinghua Shopping Mall (April 19) and Longyan University (April 24) engaged the public through themed games like "Geological Landscape Matching" and "South China Tiger Rescue Challenge," inspiring youths' interest in earth sciences.



4. "My Geopark Story" Video & Photo Contest: Encouraged public submissions of creative content with prizes up to CNY 1,000 and cultural souvenirs.

"Global Geopark Science Challenge" Game: Combined geological quizzes, intangible cultural heritage displays, and a prize draw system to support rural revitalization.



2.14 Rinjani-Lombok UGGp, Indonesia

1. The Slow Food Campaign for A Better Earth.

A meeting was held between the management team and the permaculture partners to discuss how to increase awareness of the meaning of the slow food movement, which is to use local food sup-

plies responsibly in order to support sustainable agriculture. The follow-up plan is to create awareness through Slow Food sharing session activities with specialists in the near future.

2. Capacity Building for Women Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME). Capacity building for local business players focuses on women business actors in the Rinjani-Lombok Geopark area. This program includes two activities: mentoring for the development of women MSME and intensive training for business scale-up.

A series of MSME training sessions were held in the villages of Lantan, Loyok, Senaru, and Sembalun. The program was attended by 50 selected participants who were given the opportunity to continue to an advanced training phase. In the second phase, participants were taught about product design and marketing. This initiative is a collaboration between the BRI Research Institute and the Rinjani-Lombok Geopark, with funding support from the British Embassy.



3. Rinjani Literacy. Rinjani literacy was inaugurated by a cultural performance titled 'Gendang Beleg' by students from Lantan's Elementary and Junior High Schools. This event includes an introduction to geoparks and climate change, a lesson on the fundamentals of sketching, and a workshop and discussion on creating a story-

board for a climate change story. Participants in the session involve elementary school students in grades 5 and 6. This exercise produces an illustrated story, which will be printed and distributed to the school and its surrounding schools.



4. Planting Tree. Tree planting was carried out to support Disaster Preparedness Day and reduce the risk of abrasion on coastal areas. Meanwhile, the nursery was carried out by utilizing used plastic containers, planting local fruit seeds for further tree planting activities in the Rinjani-Lombok Geopark and Biosphere Reserve area.



2.15 Shilin UGGp, China

Shilin UGGp successfully conducted promotional activities at the Shilin Visitor Center on 22 April.

Shilin joined the geoparks mutual poster exhibition with pictures and understandable interpretation, demonstrating geological features, biodiversity and colorful culture of all the Geoparks of this event. The exhibition attracted a lot of visitors and served as an effective way to promote Global Geoparks and its significant achievements during the past two decades.

At the same time, quizzes on the Shilin UGGp were conducted with visitors, who would be rewarded with souvenirs after completing the quizzes. Some visitors said this activity made them know more about Shilin Geopark and the idea of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

In the afternoon of 22 April, a lecture was given in the Shilin Primary School by Geopark staff on Shilin's geological formations, biodiversity, indigenous traditions, as well as the philosophy of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

The students showed great passion in the popular science lecture. When the prizes were awarded to the students for their great performance, their excitement and pure joy were beyond the words.



2.16 Tianzhushan UGGp, China

On 17 April, Tianzhushan Geopark invited Ass. Prof. He Qing of Anhui University to give a popular science lecture in the Geopark Museum for around 100 students and their teachers from the Tianzhushan Central Primary School. With the help of 3D animation, geological profile models and fossil specimens, Ass. Prof. He explained from the mineral composition of the earth's crust

to the Cambrian marine life and the dinosaur era. The students observed fossil specimens, identified the crystal forms of different mineral specimens, and raised questions such as "How did the dinosaurs become extinct?" and "How were the dinosaur egg fossils in the Tianzhushan Museum discovered?". The Geopark also presented souvenirs to students.



On April 22, Tianzhushan Geopark, Anhui Provincial Exploration Technology Institute and Huangpu Central Primary School in Qianshan City jointly carried out a science education and practice activity.

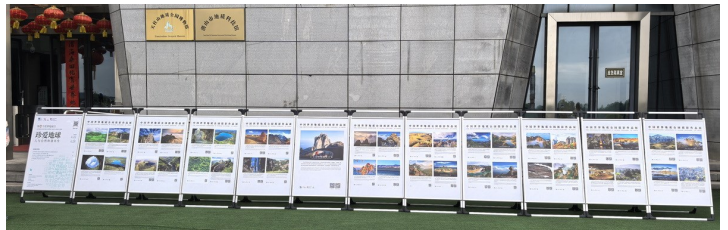


After the opening ceremony, the students were led by the Geopark museum guides to explore the museum. Then, the students took a bus to the Xudawu Fossil Site in the Geopark to observe the fossil remains and learn the evolution of life under the guidance of Prof. Wu Weiping.

The geopark also invited Xu Juan, an assistant researcher at the Anhui Provincial Exploration Technology Institute, to visit Huangpu Central Primary School and give the students a lecture about geothermal energy. The lecture combined videos, pictures, and rock and mineral specimens to unveil the mystery of geothermal energy for students in easy-to-understand language. The on-site interaction was lively, and students asked questions and actively participated in the discussion.



Tianzhushan Global Geopark also participated in the "Sister Geoparks Mutual Exhibition" event.



2.17 Yandangshan UGGp, China

On April 22, Yandangshan Global Geopark launched the 56th World Earth Day and the 6th Asia-Pacific Geoparks Week celebration with a variety of interactive activities in Lingfeng Area

of the Geopark. Over a hundred participants, including local government officials, geopark staff, partner organizations, school students, and visitors.



Yandangshan UGGp, Danxiashan UGGp together with more than 40 geoparks in China participated in the “Sister Geoparks Mutual Exhibition”, sharing conservation strategies, promoting eco-tourism, and exploring new approaches to geological heritage protection, ecological restoration.

Yandangshan hosted a week-long fun and educational activities. Visitors can win co-branded cultural products from 40 sister geoparks by participating in trivia challenges. The 2-kilometer geological orienteering race included three science checkpoints, with participants receiving certificates upon completion. Additional events include Science in Schools, Geological Study Tours, Cultural Heritage Exhibitions, Global Geopark Photography Exhibits, and My Earth Story, encouraging visitors to explore, engage, and celebrate Earth’s natural wonders.



2.18 Tabas UGGp, Iran

1. The first celebration of Sar-Tokhmi, ritual of sustenance and blessing

The ritual of sustenance and blessing titled the Sar-Tokhmi celebration, was held at the Geosite of Ezmighan Paddy Fields. This ceremony is one of the long-standing traditions of Ezmighan village, which was held at the beginning of the rice planting season in the paddy fields. After sowing the seeds, they pray for the blessing of the crop and increased sustenance. This ceremony is held

with the aim of preserving the intangible heritage of the Geopark and preserving the region's ancient customs and traditions. The celebration was held with happy and diverse programs, welcomed by the local community and tourists, and performed by the Avay-e Iraveh artistic group. Also, the director and staff of the Tabas Global Geopark and other local officials were participated.



2. Desert Walking Event of Rabat to Rabat in the Rig-e-Shotoran Geosite.

A two-day desert walking event was held on the occasion of Labor Week (April 24) at the Rig-e-Shotoran Geosite and about 50 participants



walked the 35-km distance to the Shokar Mosque. This event was organized by the Mountaineering and Sports Climbing department in cooperation with the Tabas UNESCO Global Geopark.



3. Holding a mountaineering event on the occasion of Girl's Day

Tabas Geopark organized a special women's climbing event with cooperation of the Department of Mountaineering and Sports Climbing of Tabas on the occasion of Girl's Day and Kermat



(Dignity) Week. These sports events are held for the vitality and participation of women in Geopark. About 30 women and girls interested in climbing participated in this event



4. Keynote speaker at the first geotourism event in Northeast Iran

The first geotourism event in northeastern Iran was held at Ferdowsi University in Mashhad with the participation of provincial and national directors of cultural heritage, tourism, and handicrafts organization, the president and professors of Ferdowsi University, the president of the Northeast Geology and Mineral Exploration Organization, the head of the Iranian Global Geoparks Network, the directors of Tabas and Aras UGGps, students, enthusiasts, and experts in the fields of geosciences and tourism, and private sector activists.

The event focused on introducing geosites in the northeastern region, examining the opportunities and challenges of geotourism in Iran, educating and training geotourism guides, and examining the process of registering a geopark and its requirements. Dr. Vesal Yahya Sheibani, Director of the Tabas UGGp and faculty member of Payam Noor University in Tabas Center, participated as one of the key speakers in this event. She introduced geosites and unique features, and discussed the process of identifying and evaluating geosites in the Tabas UGGp.



5. Participation in the fair of the first tourism event in northeastern Iran

At the first geotourism event in northeastern Iran, an exhibition was held with the participation of companies, related organizations, and the UNESCO Global Geoparks of Iran. Tabas UGGp participated in this fair by presenting its geotourism capacities, geoproducts, and handicrafts.



2.19 Zigong UGGp, China

1. Promotional Activity in Commercial Districts

On 19 April, Zigong Global Geopark held a promotional activity at Huashang International City Shopping Plaza. The activity had a "Protect the Earth" signature area, a science exhibition area, and an interactive game area, attracting more than 600

citizens to visit and participate. Among them, 196 participants engaged in the interactive games and successfully overcome the challenges and were acknowledged with souvenirs from Zigong Global Geopark.



2. Science Lecture at School

In the afternoon of 22 April, science instructors from Zigong Global Geopark visited Sanduozhai Town Central School in Da'an District and gave a science lecture titled Dinosaur and the Earth. They

disseminated knowledge about earth science, explored the relationship between dinosaurs and the Earth's environment, and encouraged students to develop an awareness of the importance of protecting the environment.



3. Science Popularization on the Radio

In the evening of 22 April, Zigong Global Geopark, together with science experts from the Yiqu Nature Conservation Center, participated in the

prime-time program "Happy Journey" on Zigong Radio FM90.2. They also actively interacted with citizens through a live streaming on the "Wanxia of Zigong Ra-

dio" Douyin account. During the broadcast, they introduced the origins of World Earth Day, promoted Zigong Global Geopark, and raised awareness about the importance of biodiversity conservation. The live broadcast had a cumulative viewers of 10,000.



4. Science Practice in the Community

On 25 April, Zigong Global Geopark staff visited the Jiefangqiao Community to launch a science practice activity titled "Exploring the Night Spirits", with the theme of exploring Earth's life. Guided by professional nature instructors, over

30 community residents began examining the "Evolution of Life on Earth", and they went out to search for and identify the animals and plants in their surroundings, collectively experiencing the symphony of life on Earth after dark.



2.20 Mt. Apoi UGGp, Japan

Mt. Apoi Geopark organized Glass Engraving Events during the 6th APGN Week. Young visitors used router to engrave designs on glasses. They painted pictures of living creatures and ammonite fossils. These glasses were originally supposed to be thrown away, but the children had so much fun engraving them and turning them into art pieces.

