

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2024

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: [Hantangang UNESCO Global Geopark](#), Republic of Korea, Asia - Pacific Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2020(July 10th) / 2024

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: Total 17 staffs(including 5 Geocientists, a Historian, an Archaeologist, an Ecologist as a full-time employ)

Number of visitors(2024):

- **4,000,000+** (Geosite: 2,000,000 / Museum: 150,000 / Historical site: 300,000 / Tourist Attraction 550,000 / Special Events: 325,000 / etc..)

Number of Geopark events:

- 10 types of events, 325,000+ participants, 13 times
- List of Geopark events
 - i. Special event at Hantangang UGGp Centre for Children's day
 - ii. Hantangang Garden Festa
 - iii. Hantangang Geo Festival; Music Festival at Geosite
 - iv. Hwajeockyeon; a musical performance at geosite by local people
 - v. Hantangang UGGp International Student Exchange Programme with Itoigawa UGGp of Japan
 - vi. 2024 Hantangang UGGp Centre Special Exhibition: Introduce Our Town 'Joong-ri'; the history of a local town at Hantangang
 - vii. Hantangang UGGp and Hakusan Todorigawa UGGp of Japan international exchange Programme
 - viii. UNESCO Multi-designated site symposium
 - ix. UNESCO Multi-designated site commemorative familiarization tour
 - x. Hantangang UGGp Geo- Trail Walking Event



Hantangang and Hakusan international exchange



UNESCO Multi-designated site symposium





Hantangang Garden Festa



Hantangang Columnar Joint road walk festival



Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs:

Education	Participants	Times
Geoscience friends: Hantangang River Geo-Exploration Team	1,107	35
Hantangang UGGp Geological Experience Program	841	26
UNESCO School UNESCO Designated Area familiarization Tour	38	1
Elementary School Geological, Ecological, Historical, and Cultural Experience Program	38	1
Hantangang UGGp International Student Exchange Programme	10	1

	
Hantangang UGGp International Student Exchange Programme	Hantangang UGGp Geological Experience Program

Number of Geopark press release

Type	Times
Cooperation for TV Show / Filming Locations	30 times
News articles and broadcastings	100 times
Operation of Promotion Booth at 2024 IGC(International Geological Congress)	1
Operation of Promotion Booth at 2024 APGN(Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network)	1
Operation of Promotion Booth at 2024 Korea Geoparks Hanmadang	1
2024 Hantangang UGGp Centre Annual Research Series	1

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Operation of Promotion Booth at 2024 IGC	Media Press about Revalidation

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2024

- Successful Redesignation of Hantangang Geopark as a UNESCO Global Geopark

Contribution towards GGN(APGN) - Networking and participation

- Hantangang River UGGp - Hakusan Tedorigawa (Japan) international exchange Programme
- Hantangang River UGGp international student exchange programme with Itoigawa UGGp(Japan)
- Attended the 8th APGN conference hosted by Caobag UGGp, Vietnam in September 2024.
- Conference presentation about potential of Hantangang UGGp as Trans-boundary Global Geopark during the 8th APGN Symposium
- Development of a program for commentators for people with developmental disabilities and introduction of commentators for people with developmental disabilities
- Participated a series of "Let's Do It" online meetings coordinated by Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark

Management and Financial Status

- The budget situation of the 2024 Hantangang River Global Geopark includes support from the national, provincial, and municipal governments, ensuring very stable operations.
 - i. National subsidy – approx. 41,500 EUR
 - ii. Provincial subsidy – approx. 613,500 EUR
 - iii. Municipal budget –approx. 3,470,500 EUR
- Organization of an Integrated Secretariat and Securing Budget for Unified Geopark Management Among Multiple Local Governments; securing an independent budget for geopark operation approx. 150,800 Euro(not included above)

Geoconservation

- All geosites are protected by Cultural Protection Laws, Natural Park Laws, and the Ordinance
- Regular Geosites cleanup by geopark operation team
- Hantangang River Plogging by local volunteers



Geosites Cleanup	Hantangang River Plogging
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Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Experience programs(Making Geo-cake, Geo-terrarium, Making Basalt wristband & basalt flowerpot, etc...)
- Guide tour programs(Geo touring, Geo tracking)

	
Making a Geo-cake	Geo Touring

Promotional activities

- Making newsletter on SNS(Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, Naver blog)
- Banner of local governments and public websites
- Making a promotional video on public broadcasting
- Making a promotional video & image on public billboard
- Publicity using the bus internal monitor

4. CONTACTS

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