

# 2GGN – National GGN / National Fora Committees Annual Report 2024



## 1. IDENTITY / NATIONAL GGN

**National Fora/Committee:** Republic of Korean Global Geoparks Network, Republic of Korea,  
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**Year of inscription:** 2024



## 2. MEMBERS

**Coordinator:** Min Huh, Mudeungsan UGGp, minhuh@jnu.ac.kr

**Vice-Coordinator:** Soojae Lee, Individual Member, sjlee@kei.re.kr

**Members:** Total 13

- Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator
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- **Hantangang UGGp** (2 representatives)
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- **Jeonbuk West Coast UGGp** (2 representatives)
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- **Cooperating Member**
  - Jeon Youngmun, geo99@hanmail.net

### 3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

#### Active application in your country:

- **Gyeongbuk Donghaean**, Byung-bok Sohn, Kwang-yeal Kim, Kang-deok Lee, Nak-young Joo, Yun-deuk Jang  
geopark@knu.ac.kr, <https://www.geotourism.or.kr>  
Accepted by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council in September 2024.  
Final decision by UNESCO Executive Board expected in April 2025.
- **Danyang**, representative, Moongeun Kim,  
nojang007@korea.kr, <https://www.danyanggeopark.org>,  
Accepted by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council in September 2024.  
Final decision by UNESCO Executive Board expected in April 2025.
- **Baengnyeong·Daechеong**, Jeongbok Yoo,  
[handa2325@korea.kr](mailto:handa2325@korea.kr), <https://www.bdgeopark.kr>  
Application submitted in November 2024.  
Evaluation Mission scheduled for May–August 2025.

### 4. ACTIVITIES

#### Major achievements in 2024

- **Extraordinary General Assembly** held in Non Nuoc Cao Bang UGGp, Vietnam (September 13)
  - In accordance with the *Global Geoparks Network Rules of Operation*, the committee structure—including the Coordinator & Vice-Coordinator, Advisory Committee, and Coordination Committee—was discussed, along with the

organizational framework for the KGGN Secretariat.

- **Official General Assembly** held in Jeonbuk West Coast UGGp (October 15)
  - Roles of the Advisory Committee were defined; additional Secretariat roles (strategic planning, PR) were assigned; the 2025 annual plan was reviewed; and the creation of working groups was discussed, including a proposed cooperation body among local mayors.
- **Presentation: “Korean UGGp’s Efforts for Earth Heritage Conservation & SDG-based Sustainable Development”** (October 9–15)
  - Delivered by the KGGN Coordinator at the 8th International Training Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks, held at Xiangxi UGGp, China
- Participated and presented at the **Korea Geoparks Network Workshop on SDG Implementation** (part of **APGN Week**)

### **Networking and Participation**

- Participated in the **8th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) Symposium** at Non Nuoc Cao Bang UGGp, Vietnam
- Attended the **APGN “Let’s Do It”** Zoom meeting
- Participated in the **37th International Geological Congress** in Busan, Republic of Korea
- Successfully organized three events to commemorate international observances: **Earth Day** (April 22), **Geodiversity Day** (October 6), **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction** (October 13)

### **Events and Education Activities**

- **Total number of events organized by KGGN member geoparks: 50 times**
  - Types of events: Geo-Trail activities, stakeholder workshops, Geopark Music Festivals, clean-up campaigns, Humanities Festivals, Geo-Marathons, Garden Festa, international student exchange programmes, UNESCO multi-designated sites symposium, Korean Geopark Interpreter Competition, and others.
- **Total number of educational programs conducted by KGGN member geoparks: 973 times**
  - Types of programs: Geo-Schools (Geopark partner schools), capacity-building programs for local residents, Exploring the Geopark (for the elderly), Learn and Play at UGGp, Geoscience Friends, soundwalking, birdwatching, and more.

## Promotional activities

- Operated official Facebook and Instagram accounts (@korean\_ggn)



## 4. CONTACTS

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