

GGN – Annual Report 2024 from Thailand Geoparks Network

1. IDENTITY / GGN NATIONAL NETWORK

National Fora/Committee: Thailand Geoparks Network (Thailand Global Geoparks Network not yet established)

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Year of inscription: 2024

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Dr. Sommai Techawan

Members: 2 UNESCO Global Geoparks and the national geoparks in Thailand.

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: name, representative, e-mail, website, year of application submission

Satun: Dr. Narongrit Thungprue, satungeopark@gmail.com, <https://satun-geopark.org/>
Application submitted in November 2016, accepted by UNESCO Global Geoparks Council in September 2017.

Khorat: Dr. Pratueng Jintasakul, khoratgeopark@gmail.com,
<https://www.khoratgeopark.com/> Application submitted in November 2017, accepted by UNESCO Global Geoparks Council in September 2022.

Khon Kean: Dr. Pongsak Tangwanichakapong, kkgeopark@gmail.com,
<https://www.khonkaen-geopark.com/> Application submitted in November 2022.

Territories that you are advising: name, representative, e-mail, website, how many years are being advised N/A

4. ACTIVITIES

1. Networking & GGN 20th Anniversary

Celebrating the GGN 20th anniversary

All UNESCO Global Geoparks in Thailand responded to the call of GGN, a series of activities and workshops were organized to celebrate the 20th anniversary of GGN and

to summarize the glorious development road in 20 years. The brand of Global Geoparks has been further promoted. This event run throughout the year.

8 th APGN Symposium in Cao Bang

The 8th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium and conjunct UGGp Council meeting, GGN Executive Board meeting, APGN AC and CC meeting were held in the Cao Bang UGGp from 08 to 15 September 2024. The opening ceremony of the 8th APGN Symposium was held on 12 September. About 30 participants from 2 global geoparks and 2 Aspiring geoparks joined the symposium, They had their booths at the GeoFair, and oral presentations.

TGN#3 Thailand Geopark Network Symposium 2024

The Thailand Geopark Network Symposium 2024 was held under the theme “Geoparks and Sustainable Local Development” in Khon Kaen Geopark on 24–25 June 2024 at Kosa Hotel, Mueang District, Khon Kaen Province. The event brought together 11 UNESCO Global Geoparks and Aspiring Geoparks in Thailand, featuring academic presentations, panel discussions on geopark development in Thailand with Prof. Setsuya Nakada as the keynote speaker, geoproduct exhibitions, and a meeting of geopark network executives from across the country.

2. Promotion / Capacity Building

Khorat UNESCO Global Geopark organized a training program to enhance knowledge and strengthen networks for the development of the Khorat Geopark through a Geotourism curriculum for tourism-related entrepreneurs, including accommodations, restaurants, products, and service providers in the area, as well as relevant agencies. The program was conducted by the Geopark Academy from 19–21 December 2024.