

Tianzhushan Global Geopark Attends 2015 Annual Meeting of China Global Geoparks

From April 27 to 28, 2015 Annual Meeting of China Global Geoparks was held in Dali, Yunnan Province.



On this meeting experience about the protection, experience on construction and management of geoparks was communicated and concluded. A representative from Tianzhushan Global Geopark attended the meeting.

The theme of this meeting was “Protection of Geological Heritage and the 10th Anniversary of GGN”. During the meeting, Zheng Yuan, the office director of National Geoparks Network Center, systematically concluded the main work and highlights of Chinese Global Geoparks in 2014, and made a deployment for the key work of global geoparks in 2015.

23 Mountain Scenic Areas including Tianzhushan and Huangshan Ally for Co-development

From June 24 to June 26, China Mountain Tourist Attraction Alliance Conference was held in Huangshan. Leaders of National Tourism Administration, leaders of Tourism Administration of eight provinces including Fujian Province, Zhejiang Province, Jiangxi Province and Hubei Province and Beijing and Tianjing, people in charge of the 23 allied mountain scenic areas including Tianzhushan and Huangshan and 200 other people from the Tourism Administration of the 16 cities of Anhui Province were present at the meeting. On the



meeting, the Alliance Regulation of China Mountain Tourist Attractions was passed, the Alliance Declaration was signed and the alliance was established.

After joining the alliance, Tianzhushan will learn more from other members in environment protection and development and edge into the oversea market together with them while helping each other and sharing tourists.

Tianzhushan-Huangshan Exhibition of Science Popularization Works Is Held in the Geo-museum of Anhui Province

On July 11, the 10th Anniversary of Chinese Global Geoparks and Tianzhushan-Huangshan exhibition of science popularization works was held in the geo-museum of Anhui Province.

This exhibition publicized and displayed the splendid development and the remarkable progress made by Chinese Global Geoparks in the past ten years, in the form of words alternating with pictures. Visitors thought highly of the exhibition, which show them the majestic landscape of China and let them learn more about geoparks, and hoped to have the opportunity to visit all geoparks, learn about the tremendous change of the earth and cherish our natural ecological environment.



Tianzhushan Global Geopark Initiates Science Popularization Activity on World Earth Day



On April 22, Tianzhushan Global Geopark held science popularization activity for the 46th World Earth Day at Tianzhushan tourist center. This activity promoted

precious geologic resources of Tianzhushan Global Geopark through video, photo and promotion boards to arouse people to protect the earth and environment. In order to attract more people to concern and participate in the activity of World Earth Day, the sponsor adopted different measures, such as providing awards to those who answered questions firstly, swearing and signing activity and handing out souvenirs, to conduct science popularization and advocate the concepts of low-carbon and environment protection.

Forestry Experts Explore the Plant Categories of Tianzhushan

From June 6 to 7, Hu Yimin, the expert of Forestry Academy of Anhui Province,



was invited to make an on-the spot survey on the protection of old trees and famous wood species and the plant categories of Tianzhushan Global Geopark.

During the survey, expert Hu Yimin affirmed that the native vegetations, old trees and famous wood species of Tianzhushan Global Geopark were well protected, and Tianzhushan was a classic area

for biodiversity with great protection value. Hu Yimin expected the geopark to continuously protect wild plants, such as *Pinus dabieshanensis*, *Emmenopterys henryi*, *Zelkova schneideriana* and *Juglans regia*, rejuvenate the old trees and famous wood species and strengthen the monitoring against pests to make Tianzhushan more attractive.

International Symposium on Terrestrial Paleocene Biota and Paleobiogeography Is Held in Tianzhushan Geopark

From June 2 to 5, 2015, International Symposium on Terrestrial Paleocene Biota and Paleobiogeography, jointly hosted by Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Tianzhushan Global Geopark, was held in Tianzhushan. Nearly 30 experts and scholars from China, America and France gathered in Tianzhushan Global Geopark to discuss about the paleobiogeography, the research and protection of the paleontological natural resources.

During the symposium, domestic and foreign experts made a field investigation on the main fossil localities in the southern scientific investigation area of Tianzhushan Global Geopark, the peak forest landform of Tianzhushan granite and Valley Stream Cultural Park.



A Delegation from Samara Oblast, Russia Visits Tianzhushan

On May 31, the governor of Samara Oblast, Russia led a delegation of entrepreneurs to visit Tianzhushan upon the invitation of Anhui Province.



He expressed his gratitude towards the hospitality of Anqing people and he hoped that this visit will promote the friendship between two cities and two countries based on the cooperative mechanism of two rivers. More cooperation in tourism, culture and

agriculture should be implemented.

Mayor of Marte Palmer City of Turkey Leads a Delegation to Visit Tianzhushan

On April 14, Ali-Crick, Mayor of Marte Palmer City of Turkey led a delegation of 20 people to visit Tianzhushan.

The mayor has spoken highly of the achievements made in this visit and was attracted by Tianzhushan beautiful scenery. He said the



friendly relationship between China and Turkey has a long history and he hoped the communication between two cities will enhance the friendship between two countries. Citizens of Marte Palmer City are very interested in Chinese culture and hope to further the exchange between people of the two cities through tourism.

A Policy Is Issued Enabling People of Anhui Province to Visit Tianzhushan Free

This year, the activity of Tianzhushan being free to natives of all the cities in Anhui Province kicked off successively. The policy goes to natives of Hefei City, Bengbu City and Huainan City from July 1 to July 20, to natives of Maanshan City, Wuhu City and Tongling City from July 15 to July 31, to natives of Lu'an City, Fuyang City and Bozhou City from August 1 to August 16, to natives of Suzhou City and Huaibei City from August 8 to August 23, to natives of Chuzhou City, Chizhou City and Xuancheng City from August 15 to August 31, to natives of Anqing City from July 15 to August 20. But tourists are still required to buy accident insurance and pay for the environment protection in the scenic area, which in total worth 20 RMB.

Besides, students who have taken part in High School Entrance Examination and College Entrance Examination this year can enjoy a great discount to visit Tianzhushan from June 16 to September 20. They only need to pay 40 per person for the ticket as long as they bring along their student cards.



Dating with Tianzhushan *Magnolia Sieboldii* in the Intoxicating June

Tianzhushan is honored as "A Green Museum" with over 119 genera and more

than 1,000 species of plants, among which *Magnolia sieboldii* is rated as one of "the three treasures of Tianzhushan". A quaternary glacier relic, it belongs to magnolia family and is a third-class endangered plant protected at national level as the "living fossil" of plants. Its elegant and pure flower is in full bloom at the top of branches from the middle of June to the middle of July and its fruits ripen in the mid-to-end of August.



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