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## Newsletter

天柱山世界地质公园 Tianzhushan Global Geopark

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### Consuls from 12 Countries Speak Highly of Tianzhushan

From October 25 to October 26, consul-generals, deputy consul-generals and officials of Cambodia, Laos, Uruguay, Argentina, Ecuador, Iran, Thailand, Greece, Japan, Netherlands, Italy and Philippines in Shanghai visited Tianzhushan. During the visiting, consuls, attracted by the amazing beautiful sceneries and profound historical culture of Tianzhushan, respectively took photos, shared excitement with their friends by sending WeChat and Weibo messages and thought highly of Tianzhushan. Xia Jikan, deputy secretary of the Party committee of Qianshan County and deputy director general of Tianzhushan Administration Committee, and Cai Tingting, deputy mayor of Qianshan County, introduced the history and development of Qianshan County and Tianzhushan, to display the tremendous change of Tianzhushan and the great potential of foreign cooperation and prospects. Consuls also enjoyed the splendid performance of Huangmei opera by the troupe of Qianshan County.



### Tianzhushan and Naturtejo Global Geopark of Portugal Become Sister Geoparks

In September, Tianzhushan Global Geopark and Naturtejo Global Geopark of Portugal signed a friendly cooperation agreement, and formally established sister geopark relationship.



In the future, Tianzhushan and Naturtejo will strengthen the exchange and cooperation in the conservation, management, tourism promotion and sustainable development, and closely cooperate in the geoscience research, geoscience popularization, geopark exhibition and network publicity to promote mutual cultural exchange and economic cooperation.

### **Experts from 14 Geoparks Give Suggestions for the Revalidation of Tianzhushan**

On November 27-28, more than 70 representatives from 14 global geoparks of China came to Tianzhushan to provide guide and help the coming revaluation. Experts thought highly of the infrastructure construction, the environment sanitation and explanation boards of Tianzhushan Geopark. Leaders and experts of the Ministry of Land and Resources praised Tianzhushan for conducting science popularization and providing tourist service through information means and put forward many constructive suggestions for the work and details of the revalidation in 2015.



According to the declaration guideline of Global Geoparks, each global geopark is revalidated every four years, so Tianzhushan Global Geopark will receive revalidation in 2015. The revalidation contains the construction of the scenic areas, the conservation of heritages, science popularization, tourism publicity and community involvement. The revalidation is an important work of UNESCO to balance and inspect the construction of global geoparks and the protection of geological heritages, and the revalidation results would be regarded as the basic reference to reserve, warn or cancel the membership of the Global Geoparks Network. It would also be revalidated whether the geopark benefits local residents and promotes the local economic development.

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### **The Designing Scheme of Tianzhushan Global Geopark Museum Is Decided**

On Nov. 5, Xia Jikan, deputy secretary of Party Committee of Qianshan County and standing deputy director of Tianzhushan Administration Committee, hosted a discussion meeting about the designing scheme of Tianzhushan Global Geopark museum.

The designing scheme combines scientific popularization with interactive entertainment, mainly shows the geological landform of granite, UHP metamorphic belt, Paleocene vertebrate fossils, biodiversity and historical culture of Tianzhushan. The museum will be divided into five exhibition rooms: lobby, mysterious earth exhibition room, life evolution exhibition room, folk culture exhibition room and a tail room, fully makes use of modern sonic, light and electrical technology measures to display the geological research value, scientific popularization value, natural and cultural landscape of Tianzhushan Global Geopark.



Huang Xiaosheng and Wang Chendong, deputy directors of Tianzhushan Administration Committee, and related principals attended the meeting.

### **Tianzhushan Global Geopark Holds a Discussion Meeting about the Implementation Plan of 2015 Revalidation Work**



On Dec. 5, Tianzhushan Global Geopark held a discussion meeting about the implementation plan of 2015 revalidation work. The meeting discussed the procedure, content, objectives, investigation tour-lines and coordination work of revalidation in detail.

Xia Jikan emphasized that revalidation is an important way for UNESCO to implement dynamic management for global geoparks. It was difficult to get the brand of global geopark, so everyone should steadily progress the preparation work according to the Guideline and Criteria of Global Geoparks Network, to make sure Tianzhushan smoothly passes revalidation in 2015.

### **Domestic and Foreign Geologists Visit Tianzhushan Global Geopark**

On Nov. 9-14, eight domestic and foreign geologists visited Tianzhushan Global Geopark which is characterized by the granite landform, and they put forward many suggestions on the conservation of heritages, science popularization and the promotion of local economic development.

Geologists successively visited the main scenic area of Tianzhushan, Valley Stream Cultural Park, scientific investigation district, paleocene mammalian fossil sites, Qianshan County museum and some demonstration spots of new villages. They said Tianzhushan has well-equipped infrastructure and infinite geotourism potential, so Tianzhushan should make a new geo-museum intergrating the role of a science popularization base and publicizing the profound culture and beautiful scenery to the world.

Domestic geologists Cui Zhijiu, Xie Youyu, Tao Kuiyuan, Zhang Tianyi, Fan Xiao, Zhang Baiping, Li Zhihua and Liu Bangli, and the Paleontologist Carlos of Naturtejo



Global Geopark, Portugal attended the investigation, accompanied by Wang Chendong, deputy director of Tianzhushan Administrative Committee and Yu Haibing, general manager of Tianzhushan Tourism Development Co. Ltd.

### Little Journalists Conduct Interview on Geology Popularization

How did the amazing granite landform of Tianzhushan come into being? How much ancient Wan culture does Tianzhushan carry. On October 19, 56 little journalists were organized by the Juvenile's Activities Center of Qianshan to conduct interview in Stream Valley Cultural Park with their learning desire and reasonable thinking.

Through the interview, those journalists got to know the geological history and cultural history of Tianzhushan better since they have realized that 1.8 billion years ago, Tianzhushan area was an ocean, 240 million years ago, Yangtze Plate got together with North China Plate, and 130 million years ago, the prototype of Tianzhushan granite peak forest was formed and the denudation of UHP metamorphic belt.



### The Interview Group of Guangming Daily Comes to Tianzhushan to Collect Material

On September 13 and September 14, the interview group of Guangming Daily led by Xu Ye, Director of the Photography Department came to Tianzhushan to collect material while experiencing the ancient Wan culture in Qianshan and searching for folk material.

They have conducted detailed interviews in Stream Valley Cultural Park and the Highest Peak Scenic Area, including shooting amazing natural scenery, elaborating profound ancient Wan culture and communicating with tourists from different places face to face. They have also interviewed Huang Xiaosheng, Deputy Director of Tianzhushan Administrative Committee in the scenic area. The interviews will be issued on Guangming Daily.



### Huang Xiaosheng, Deputy Director of Tianzhushan, Participates the TV Interview Program---“8+1” Dialogue

On November 27, the activity “Green tourism in China---Walking into Sunriver National Forest Park” namely the TV Interview Program---“8+1” Dialogue: the Protective Utilization of National Forest Parks kicked off in

Sunriver National Forest Park, Pu'er City, National Afforestation Environmental Protection Commission, State Forestry Bureau, China Green Foundation, and China Council for the Promotion of Cultural Exchange and Cooperation. Huang Xiaosheng, Deputy Director of Tianzhushan National Forest Park Administrative Committee attended the activity as a special guest and gave a speech about how to deal with the conflicts among the forest park administrative committee, tourism and the company during the protection, management and utilization of forest parks.

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Focusing on protecting wetland resources for a more beautiful China, the TV Interview Program---“8+1” Dialogue is a part of the Third China Wetland Culture Festival with an aim to reach a consensus on the protection of wetland through the exchange among leaders, experts and scholars. It is live on people.com.cn and Green China Tourism.com.



### Tianzhushan Promotes Marriage Tourism Products

On Dec. 10-14, the first wedding tourism forum, jointly founded by Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Anhui and Hainan provinces, was held in Hainan Province. Xia Jikan made a tourism recommendation about the original landscape and profound culture of Tianzhushan scenic area, and Yu Haibing introduced the planning scheme about the wedding tourism products of Tianzhushan. Tianzhushan of Anhui Province and Tianyahaijiao Scenic Area of Hainan Province signed a strategic cooperation agreement about the tourism products of “Promises of Love”, the Chinese 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of High-end Wedding would be held in Tianzhushan.



Principals of Tianzhushan Tourism Resort also attended the forum.

### Tianzhushan Attends the 6<sup>th</sup> International UNESCO Conference on Global Geoparks Held in Canada



On Sep.19—22, 2014, the representative of Tianzhushan Global Geopark attended the 6<sup>th</sup> International UNESCO Conference on Global Geoparks held in Stonehammer Global Geopark in Saint John city, Canada.

Ms. Huang Wen, the representative from Tianzhushan Global Geopark gave an oral presentation titled “Tianzhushan Global Geopark Vigorously Propels the Community

Development”, publicized Tianzhushan in the form of explanation boards and made science popularization to local primary school students, obtaining wide attention.

### **Tianzhushan Pays More Attention to Fire-fighting in Winter**

Tianzhushan Scenic Area has abundant tourism resources which are very easy to catch fire in winter, a dry season, therefore Tianzhushan Branch of Qianshan Public Security Bureau actively carried many activities to publicize fire fighting and prevention knowledge among scenic area staff and tourists to ensure the security of tourists and the property of the scenic area. In addition, staff of Tianzhushan has given away materials including leaflets to the passers-by in every scenic spots, making sure that people know how to prevent and fight against fire. They also conduct the safety check in surrounding hotels and as long as something inappropriate, they will urge them to rectify.



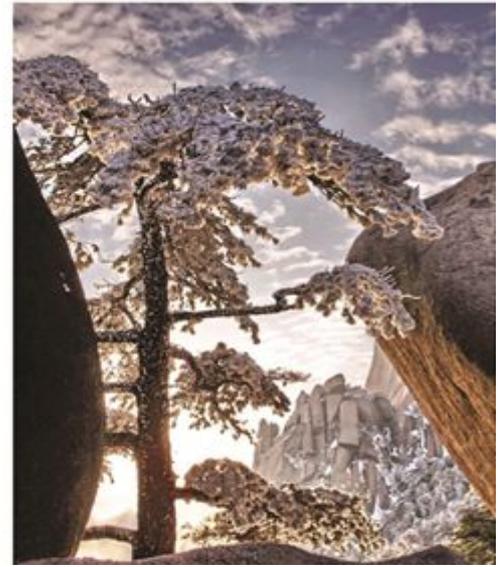
### **Tianzhushan, a Kingdom of Snow and Ice in Winter**

Come to Tianzhushan to enjoy the overwhelming snow view and appreciate the peaceful beauty which you can not have access to in noisy cities.

Compared with the frozen winter in the northern part in China, winter in Tianzhushan is warm and mild since moist, fresh and cool air drifts in the sky, birds sing happily and beautifully everywhere and snowflakes dance with the breeze elegantly and romantically.

Sunshine presents different views in Tianzhushan. The plants on the peaks that sunshine can reach remain the red and yellow color of autumn while the peaks in absence of sunshine are surrounded by icy mist and those unique sceneries like ice sticks, soft rime and snow are easily formed there. In winter, it is easier for you catch a sight of the grandest sea of clouds in Tianzhushan after snow or rain. Moreover, the fantastic sunrise from the sea of clouds is so amazing and breathtaking that you will be unable to turn away from it.





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