

Good Relationship between Geopark Movement and Local Communities Can Promote the Development of Geopark

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We all know that promoting the development of local economy is one of the three major themes of geopark construction. This goal is of great importance in dealing with the relationship between geopark and local communities. Geopark movement is closely related to local communities. Only if the geopark movement meets the vital interests of the local communities, the geopark can achieve a sustainable development. Then, what are the local communities' vital interests? In my opinion, it includes two aspects, one is that, geopark can't affect their normal living environment; the other is that, geopark should be helpful in improving their living conditions or economic income. In this respect, Alxa Desert Global Geopark has made significant achievements; it almost reached a win-win situation between geopark and local communities. First of all, Alxa Desert Global Geopark has been doing its best to protect the environment and the geoheritages in it, which, at the same time, also can protect the living environment of the local communities. Second of all, for the local residents, Alxa Desert Global Geopark provided a lot of employment posts to improve their living standards and their participation also made it easier to manage the geopark; Finally, for the local industries, such as the restaurants, hotels and so on, Alxa Desert Global Geopark brought a lot of visitors to sustain their business and in return, these industries also made it possible to accommodate more visitors of geopark. So, good relationship between geopark movement and local communities can promote the development of geopark.