

The Participation of Community - A Key to the Sustainable Development of Ningde Global Geopark

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Ningde global geopark became a member of the GGN on October 3rd, 2010. During development over the past five years, the geopark has realized community participation is very important to local sustainable development. The cooperation between geopark and local community embodies the following aspects. Firstly, with the support and help of geopark, the local residents run restaurants, hotels and shops, and develop local tourism commodities, which do a great contribution to local economy development. Secondly, the geopark invites local residents and students to visit geo-museum and geological sites and teach geo-science for them, which make them have a good understanding of geopark concept. Thirdly, the geopark holds the cultural tourism festival each year to promote geopark influence and show the fruits of development to local communities.