

Major Progress Made in China Funiushan Global Geopark Since 2010

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Funiushan Global Geopark was formally approved as a member of Global Geoparks Network (GGN) by UNESCO in 2006 and successfully passed revalidations respectively in 2010 and 2014. Since 2010, the Geopark has made obvious improvements according to feedbacks from GGN Executive Board. (1) The Administration Committee of China Funiushan Global Geopark was set up, and Interim Regulations on Management of Funiushan Global Geopark was issued as well as the Geopark's logo. (2) The protection of geological relics and related scientific researches has been carried out positively. Cretaceous dinosaur fauna developed newly such as the discoveries and named dinosaur skeleton fossils such as *Xixianykus zhangi*, *Qiupalong henanensis*, and *Yulong mini*. (3) Xixia Dinosaur-egg Fossils Museum, Dinosaur Museum and other scientific popularization sites are named as Scientific Popularization Base of Land and Resources and National Scientific Popularization Base. Collaborated with CCTV, a series of TV documentaries had been made such as Panorama of Funiushan Mountain and etc. Some popular science readings were published such as Exploration of the Cretaceous, Sketch of Funiu Mountain and etc. (4) It has reached agreements and entered into sisterhood relationships with Songshan Global Geopark, Yuntaishan Global Geopark, Xingwen Global Geopark, Shennongjia Global Geopark in China, Langkawi Geopark in Malaysia and Psilorit Global Geopark in Greece. (5) The external propaganda and marketing of the Geopark has brought about a great impetus to the development of tourism industry, 5 Scenic Areas of the Geopark were designated by the National Tourism Administration as a scenic area of 5A grade.