

The International Education Activity for Geopark Schools: Khorat aUGGp and Non Nuoc Cao Bang UGGp

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Abstract

The management body of the Khorat aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, aUGGp , Thailand was officially established in 2015 and became a National Geopark in 2018 by Nakhon Ratchasima Province and The Northeastern Research Institute of Petrified Wood and Mineral Resources (In Honor of His Majesty the King), Nakhon Ratchasima Rajabhat University, aims for geological heritage, natural heritage, cultural heritage, tangible and intangible heritage conservations by using the holistic management for sustainably through geotourism and education activities.

Geopark Schools were initiated in 2018 from 5 representative schools in each area of the territory. They have collaborated and created several educational activities with Geopark and geopark’s partners such as 1) Geopark Camp, supported by Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve and Khao Yai National Park, 2) Youth guide training course held along the fossil festival, and 3) the most important educational activity, local study- Khorat Geopark curriculum for each level of students.

More than 55 students, teachers, and participants from 2 countries participated in this event. There 44 participants answered the post-event survey questionnaires and agreed that it was an excellent activity. They would like to attend it again in the future and they believed that they have gained new learnings and knowledge. They would like to visit each other physically. Finally, Khorat aUGGp and Non Nuoc Cao Bang UGGP agreed that this initiative benefits and are useful for both geoparks to enhance knowledge and experiences in education activities. We plan to strengthen our network closer and look for future collaboration to keep our people connections.

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