

Employee training program of Zigong Global Geopark

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To afford more opportunities for employees, Zigong Global Geopark has implemented a series of employee training activities. Firstly, several professional experts were invited to attend the training program in Zigong, make presentations and explain geoscience knowledge for park employees, including Professor Dong Zhiming, from the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of vertebrate paleontology and paleoanthropology, Chen Anze, the Vice Chairman of Geological Society of China Tourism geology and geological park Research, and Zhao Zhizhong, Researcher at the Chinese Academy of geological sciences. Secondly, the Park held a development and construction academic seminar, with a call for papers from employees, and encouragement of employees to share experiences about the Park development. So far, we have held the first session in 2012 yet. The third was to invite representatives to visit other parks in countries such as Thailand, South Korea, and Australia as well as visits to Xingwen Global Geopark, the Mount Longhushan Global Geopark, Yanqing Global Geopark to hold a discussion meeting, and exchange experiences on park construction and management. Fourth, the Park sent employees to participate in national geological park guide training, to visit other parks and learn their knowledge and experiences. Fifth, the Park supported employees to continue education, and has already sent employees to complete the MLR graduate courses. According to the Employees Training Program, the research level has been greatly improved. There have been 53 research papers published during 2008–2012, covering geology, paleontology, geological heritage, museology, in addition to the publication of eight monographs, as well as several popular science books.

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