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The UNESCO Global Geoparks Council has approved
the revalidation of

Satun

as a
UNESCO Global Geopark

UNESCO Global Geoparks explore, develop and celebrate the links between their geological heritage and all other aspects of their natural and cultural heritage. They reconnect human society with the history of our planet across 4,600 million years that have shaped every place on Earth and all life that has ever lived here.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO

PERIOD OF DESIGNATION*

1 January 2022 - 31 December 2025

*In order to ensure the continuing quality of UNESCO Global Geoparks, the designation is subject to revalidation every four years.

Satun
UNESCO Global Geopark
Thailand

Section for Earth Sciences and Geoparks

31 May 2022

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Dear Satun UNESCO Global Geopark Team,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council convened its seventh meeting over two sessions. The first session was organised in Thailand's Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, as well as remotely, on 4 – 5 September 2022. The second session was held virtually on 7 – 9 December 2022. As a result of this comprehensive evaluation, **Satun UNESCO Global Geopark** has been awarded a **"green card"** for a further four-year period (01/01/2022 – 31/12/2025) with the following recommendations:

1. *Provide clearer information about the linkages between the geological processes in the territory and the cultural heritage. The traditional storytelling and local traditions should be clearer reflected, in communication and outreach material like the information panels, brochures and website. Incorporate legends and stories relating to the landscape and geological sites into self-guided materials, such as interpretive panels and guidebooks.*
2. *Translate the geological map into English.*
3. *Establish a cave ecosystem monitoring system (e.g. CO₂, temperature, biodiversity monitoring, etc.) to create a baseline from which impacts of future development can be measured. Control visitor access through guided tours and other appropriate local methods to protect and safeguard the cave health in the long term.*
4. *Further develop geotourism promotion by explaining the cohesive geologic story throughout the UGGp and support a better distribution of visitors away from the beach areas by placing information points, panels, museums and other infrastructures at touristic hotspots to encourage visitors and locals to more of the Geopark.*
5. *Continue to replace all logos with the correct Satun Global Geopark logos as well as the updated UNESCO Global Geopark logo.*
6. *Work with the partners to develop a marketing strategy and identity new partners and local products.*
7. *Better involve the local Indigenous peoples like the Maniq and Chao in the UGGp management structure and develop a plan of action to protect and integrate their culture in the UGGp storytelling.*
8. *Participate in working groups and other tangible projects between UGGps in addition to setting up joint conferences. Explore the possibility of staff exchanges, school exchanges, and expert exchanges outside of Thailand and beyond Asia.*

With many thanks for contributing to UNESCO's aims and looking forward to a continued fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Kristof Vandenberghe
Chief, Section for Earth Sciences and Geoparks

Cc: Permanent Delegation of the Kingdom of Thailand to UNESCO
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