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Deadlines

Abstract submission : **31 August 2007**
Full paper submission: **30 October 2007**

Langkawi Geopark

Previously known as 99 magical islands in the sun, now Langkawi is proud to be the first UNESCO Global Geopark in Southeast Asian region. Langkawi is one of the rare island geopark in the world comprising of 99 islands, possessing the region's oldest strata and most complete Palaeozoic geological history. The geological landscape of its marvelous island karst is simply breathtaking.

Venue of the conference :

The Conference will be held at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC), Padang Mat Sirat, Langkawi.

Accommodation :

Participant may choose to stay at the nearby resorts as listed below. Bookings can be made online.

Langkawi Holiday Villa Beach Resort and Spa:
www.holidayvillahotellangkawi.com
Tel : (604) 9551701 Fax : (604) 9551504
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REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIA-PACIFIC GEO PARKS AND BUSINESS DIALOGUES

“Networking within National Geoparks”

13-15 November 2007
Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC)
Langkawi Island, MALAYSIA



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Langkawi Development
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United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



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Introduction

A Geopark is a nationally protected area containing a number of geological heritage sites of particular importance, rarity or aesthetic appeal. It is part of an integrated concept of protection, education and sustainable development. The concept of linking sustainable development with geoheritage, conservation, education and tourism is rather new to the Asia Pacific region. In order to promote the development of National Geoparks among countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the first regional Conference on Asia-Pacific Network of National Geoparks is organised to take place in November 2007. This provides platform for scholars and various stakeholders to discuss and exchange ideas on pressing issues of the sustainable use and management of geoheritage in each country. In the region, only China is vigorous in this pursuit, totalling more than 138 National Geoparks, 18 of which are currently members of the Global Network of National Geoparks assisted by UNESCO. Thus, it is in the interest of the knowledge of the natural and cultural resources and the links with landscape, that wider awareness and involvement in this region are crucial.

Objectives

- To discuss the progress of geoheritage conservation in the Asia-Pacific region.
- To discuss issues of conservation and sustainable use of geoheritage among various stakeholders.
- To promote development of National Geoparks among Asia-Pacific countries.
- To establish Asia-Pacific Network of National Geoparks

Plenary Papers

1. Networking between Asian Pacific National Geoparks by Prof. Dato' Dr. Ibrahim Komoo (UKM Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, UNESCO geopark expert group)
2. Geotourism: added value for nature tourism by Prof. Dr. Zhao Xun (Chinese Academy of Sciences, UNESCO geoparks expert group)
3. UNESCO's roles in promoting National Geoparks and sustainable development through a Global Network by Dr. Margaret Patzak (UNESCO)
4. Geopark as a tool in a holistic nature conservation by Dr. Nickolas Zouros & Dr. Patrick McKeever (European Geopark Network, UNESCO Geoparks expert group)

Call for Papers

Participants who wish to present oral or poster papers are invited to submit their abstracts of no more than 300 words in digital form to the Secretariat by 31 August 2007. Upon notification of acceptance, full papers should be submitted together with registration form and fee by 30 October 2007.

Format

Abstract and full papers must be written in English using Microsoft Office Word document, using single spacing A4 page, with 2.5cm margins all round. Please use Times New Roman size 11pt. And underline the name and email of presenting author. Please do not cite any reference in the abstract and try not to exceed 300 words. Papers received before 30 October 2007 will be compiled and distributed at the Conference.

Tentative Programme

| 13 November 2007 | |
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| 0745-0830 | Registration |
| 0830-0915 | Seminar Session I: Keynote paper 1 |
| 0915-1000 | Technical papers |
| 1000-1030 | Tea break |
| 1030-1230 | Technical papers |
| 1230-1400 | Lunch |
| 1400-1445 | Seminar Session 2 : Keynote paper 2 |
| 1445-1545 | Technical papers |
| 1545-1615 | Refreshment |
| 1615-1700 | Technical papers |
| 1930-2200 | Dinner & Launching of Conference |
| 14 November 2007 | |
| I Field visit to the three Geoforest Parks in Langkawi (0830-1630) | |
| 1. Machinchang Geoforest Park | |
| 2. Kilim Geoforest Park | |
| 3. Dayang Bunting Geoforest Park | |
| II Dialogue Session on product development and business opportunities within the Geoparks (0830-1630) | |
| 15 November 2007 | |
| 0830-0915 | Seminar Session 3: Keynote paper 3 |
| 0915-1030 | Technical papers |
| 1030-1100 | Refreshment |
| 1100-1145 | Seminar Session 4: Keynote paper 4 |
| 1145-1230 | Technical papers |
| 1230-1400 | Lunch |
| 1400-1600 | Forum on Establishment of Asia-Pacific Network |
| 1600-1700 | Closing Ceremony |

Registration

The conference fee covers conference material, tea breaks and lunches. Below are the rates for various categories.

| Category | Registration Fee |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Ordinary | USD 250 |
| Accompanying person | USD 150 |
| Student | USD 100 |