



DANXIA GEOMORPHOLOGY

1th International Symposium on Danxia Landform *First Circular*

May 26-28, 2009

Danxiashan Guangdong, China

Sponsor Institutions

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Committee of Geomorphology and Quaternary, Geographical Society of China

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Danxia Landform and Tourism Development Research Society of China

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International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)

International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG)

Operating Institution

Administrative Committee of Mt. Danxiashan Global Geopark, Shaoguan



Mt. Danxiashan



Invitation

We hereby sincerely invite you to attend the first international symposium on Danxia Landform, opening from May 26th to 28th, 2009 in Danxiashan Global Geopark in Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province, the naming place of Danxia Landform.

Danxia landform, belonging to the red beds landform, is a special rock landform which is characterized by scarp slope and named by Chinese geologists. China has a research history of 80 years in Danxia landform and has already set up a relatively integrated discipline system. Red beds are widely distributed in China: from tropical zone to temperate zone, from humid area to arid area, from the coastal hills and plains to the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, and have developed Danxia landform of variety causes, forming a unique geographical landscape and beautiful scenery. The theme of the symposium is *Scientific Development of Danxia Landform and its Resource Protection and Utilization*. Related subjects as follows will be discussed during the symposium: *theory and methods for red beds and Danxia landform study, protection of natural heritage of Danxia landform, natural disaster, artificial influence and resource and environment protection in red beds and Danxia landform areas, rational utilization of Danxia resources*. The symposium will provide a great research and communicating opportunity for the scientists and management staffs who concern with the red beds and Danxia landform.

We promise that we will try our best to organize the symposium and arrange the field trips of the beautiful and typical sceneries of Danxia. We sincerely welcome all geologists and geomorphologists who are interested in this theme to take part in this symposium and inspection tour to the most beautiful scenic spots of Danxia landscape in China with your colleagues, friends, partners and families.

Join us in the most comfortable season of the year to visit Danxiashan, the most beautiful Danxia Landscape in China, and get together to explore this magical and special landform.

Organizing Committee of *International Symposium on Danxia Landform*





1. Background

In the 1920s and 1930s, the Chinese geologists Prof. Feng Jinglan and Prof. Chen Guoda named a special stratum as Danxia Bed and Danxia Landform which are represented by Mt. Danxiashan, Guangdong Province, China. After 80 years' study, the term *Danxia*, which is similar to Karst, widely accepted gradually .

Danxia belongs to the red beds landform featuring scarp slope in the category of the rocks landform, and is a landscape that developed in thick continental red beds. It can be defined as a sort of unique landscape featuring steep cliffs, deep canyons and towering peaks that are formed by the red beds uplifted and cut by faults, which may have been eroded mainly by flows and other external forces, such as weathering, dissolution and gravity.

In 1991, the *First National Seminar on Danxia Landform and Tourism Development* was held in Mt. Danxiashan, and established the *Danxia Landform and Tourism Development Research Society of China*. Up to now, the Research Society has convened 11 national seminars, published 11 analects and more than 400 papers and aroused great interest in Danxia landform to the academia and society. During 2003 to 2008, Danxiashan, Taining and Longhushan were approved as Global Geoparks by UNESCO in the name of Danxia Landform Type. In 2006, the representative areas of Danxia landform in Guangdong, Hunan, Fujian, Jiangxi, Zhejiang and Guizhou Province carried out a basic research of the China Danxia serial nomination of the world natural heritage. In the process of nomination for the Global Geopark and World Heritage, some experts from IUGS, IAG and IUCN were interested in these researches and participated in relevant investigations. It shows that it is the good time to hold an international symposium on Danxia Landform.

In order to promote the further development of Danxia landform researches, share the international research achievements, and promote the scientific conservation and sustainable utilization of Danxia natural heritages and resources, with the help of IUGS and IAG, the International Conference on China Danxia Landform will be held in Mt. Danxiashan, Guangdong Province, China from 26th to 28th, May, 2009 by *Subcommittee of Geoscience and Geopark, Geological Society of China, Committee of Geomorphology and Quaternary of Geographical Society of China, Geography and Planning School of Sun Yat-sen University and Danxia Landform and Tourism Development Research Society of China*.

2. Symposium Name and Theme

Name: International Symposium on China Danxia Landform

Theme: Scientific Development of Danxia Landform and its Resource Protection and Utilization

3. Main Subjects

- (1) Research achievements and trends of red beds and Danxia landform
- (2) International comparative research of Danxia landform (Red beds landform, or Sandstone landform)
- (3) Theory and practice on the protection and utilization of Danxia landform natural heritage



4. Time

Time: May 26th -May 28th, two days for meeting, one day for field trip.

5. Location

Danxiashan Global Geopark (the naming place of Danxia landform) in Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province, China

6. Language

Chinese, English (simultaneous translation during the conference)

7. Tentative Agenda

May 25th check in

May 26th

- 1) opening ceremony in the morning; speech about the theme of the symposium;
- 2) visiting the Danxiashan Museum and visit Jinshiyuan Rock in the afternoon;
- 3) welcome in evening party

May 27th

- 1) Visit Male Stone (Yangyuan Stone), the main peak of Danxiashan, Xianglonghu Lake and Female Stone (Yinyuan Stone) in the morning;
- 2) Academic exchange in the afternoon;
- 3) visit the exhibiting of each nominated site in the evening

May 28th

- 1) Academic exchange in the morning;
- 2) Discussion in groups in international collaboration in the afternoon; discussion of the symposium document;
- 3) Closing ceremony; free discussion in the evening

Temporary Routes for field trip:

- 1) East Line 1: Nanchang---Longhushan---Guifeng---Jianglangshan---Hangzhou (6-8 days reserved, foreign experts can depart from Shanghai)
- 2) East Line 2: Nanchang---Longhushan---Taining---Hangzhou (6-8 days reserved, foreign experts can depart from Shanghai)
- 3) West Line 1: Guilin---Langshan---Guilin (6-8 days reserved, foreign experts can depart from Guangzhou or Hongkong)
- 4) West Line 2: Chongqing---Chishui---Guilin (6-8 days reserved, foreign experts can depart from Guangzhou or Hongkong)

The foreign participants who do not take part in the field trip can choose to depart from Guangzhou or Hongkong.

Information about the route and destination can be found in Website of Danxia Landform:
<http://www.dxdm.com>

***Second Circular will be issued at the end of March.**

8. Registration

Welcome experts in geology, geography and other relative fields to attend the symposium.

Anyone who wants to attend the symposium should fill the form to register (in attachment 1), and send email or fax to Liaison Office of the symposium before Mar.20th, 2009. Article collections and article collection CDs will be made, and representatives who want to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit the article or the summary of the article. The article is limited to 8 pages of A4



paper (including figures and diagrams), and should be submitted to Liaison Office of the symposium by Email before Apr.30th, 2009. The format of the article is in attachment 2.

9. Expenses of the Symposium and Arrangement of Room and Board

People attending the conference need to pay registration fee: \$50/person for scholar, \$30/person for student, \$30/person for accompanying staff. The standard is the same to international and domestic scholars.

During the symposium, the organizing committee will help to book rooms, bearing the expense yourselves. The expense is as follows: 50 dollars for double room of Five Stars Hotel per person, 40 dollars for double room of Four Stars Hotel per person, 30 dollars for double room of Three Stars Hotel per person. Organizing committee will arrange rooms according to the sequence of signing up. We will inform you of any change in time.

10. Contact Way and Contact Person of the Conference

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Attachment 1

The Entry Form of International Conference on Danxia Landform

Name		Gender		Professional Title	
Institution and Duty					
Tel.			Fax		
Mailing Address					
E-mail					
Thesis Topic					
Address or not	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Displaying Poster <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Accommodation	_____Star-level <input type="checkbox"/> a bed; <input type="checkbox"/> a room; <input type="checkbox"/> other_____				
	Time from_____ (check in) to_____ (check out)				
Note					

Note:

Please send email or fax to the preparatory committee of the conference before Mar.20th, 2009.





Attachment 2

Thesis topic in English and Chinese

Author names in English and Chinese

(institution, address, postcode)

E-mail

Abstract

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Font size: 9 pounds.

Font: Song (Chinese) or Times New Roman (English).

Single spaced, indented 2 characters at both sides.

Key words: no more than five.

Foreword or Introduction

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Paragraphs within the article should be the Word format, 10.5 pounds, Song (Chinese) or Times New Roman (English) fonts, line spacing 1.25 times, no indent, not blank lines before and after paragraphs.

Body text

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Conclusion

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References

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References cited in accordance with the order, 9 pounds, Song (Chinese) or Times New Roman (English) font, single spaced, no indent, and no blank lines before and after paragraphs.

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