

Introduction

Geotourism is a form of nature tourism that specifically focuses on geology and landscapes which shape the character of a region. It promotes properly managed and quality tours to “geo-sites” and the conservation of geodiversity and an understanding of earth sciences through appreciation and learning. It is the driving force of global movement of geoparks and is being promoted by Global Geoparks Network assisted by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. Though important, geotourism is still a new concept to various stakeholders.

The APGC 2013 is the first international geotourism conference organised in the Asia-Pacific region in support of the global geoparks movement which aims at:

1. sharing geotourism experience and exploring challenges and opportunities;
2. pioneering Hong Kong as a regional hub to promote geotourism and geopark;
3. supporting development of Hong Kong Global Geopark in the promotion of conservation, earth sciences popularisation and sustainable economic development

Conference (free registration fee)

Date: 30 November, 2013 (Saturday)

Time: 08:45 – 17:10

Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre L1 Theatre 2

Language: provided with simultaneous interpretation of English and Putonghua

Exclude lunch

Post conference excursion – Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region of Hong Kong Global Geopark of China boat tour (free)

Date: 1 December, 2013 (Sunday)

Time: 09:00 – 17:00

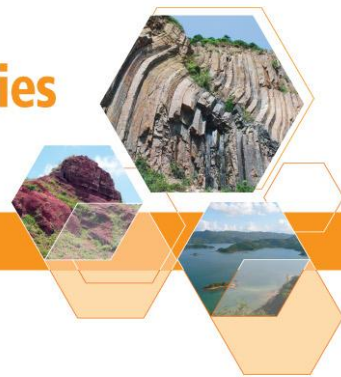
Language: English and Putonghua

Include free roundtrip transportation from Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center to Ma Liu Shui Pier, free boat tour and lunch

Organisers

1. Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong
2. Hong Kong Global Geopark of China
3. Committee of Tourism Earthscience and Geopark of Geological Society of China

Organisers 主辦機構:



Keynote speakers

1. Professor Nickolas ZOUROS, key member of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network Bureau
2. Professor Ross DOWLING OAM, Advisor, Asia - Pacific Geoparks Network, Australia
3. Professor Setsuya NAKADA, Volcano Research Center, Earthquake Research Institute, the University of Tokyo
4. Professor Anze CHEN, Research Fellow, Chinese Academy of Geological Science, Beijing, China
5. Professor Zhizhong ZHAO, Vice Director, Center of National Geoparks of China, Ministry of Land and Resources, China

Supporting/Sponsoring Organisations

APGC 2013 is very much welcomed with the support and sponsorship of 17 government, non-governmental organisations and private enterprises including Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network, HKSAR Tourism Commission, Hong Kong Tourism Board and Tourism Industry Council.

Participants

The number of participants is expected to be over 300 from Hong Kong, China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia and Europe. It will be one of the largest geopark related meetings in the world after the UNESCO Global Geopark Conference, Asia Pacific Geopark Symposium and the European Geopark Conference.

Registration

You and your members are cordially invited to attend the Conference on 30 November, 2013 and the post conference excursion on 1 December, 2013 (Free registration and post conference excursion fees). Please contact the Conference Secretariat at email: apgc2013@rocks.org.hk to obtain the registration form. (First come first served)

Enquiry

Please contact the Conference Secretariat at email: apgc2013@rocks.org.hk for any queries.

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