Background

The concept of Sustainable Development championed by the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) is proven to be one of the most successful models in sustainable regional development. The increasing number of applications enrolling for GGN membership is the solid evidence of the acceptance of the concept. Tailing form the increasing number of Global Geoparks, there is a need to ensure that the true GGN concept of sustainable development is cascaded down to the geopark managers/administrators. This certainly will increase sustainability of a Geopark, but this is a huge task for Geopark managers. In order to achieve this noble goal having a Sustainable Geopark Management is crucial. The vast differences in the developmental status of GGN members between the European and the Asia Pacific geoparks may lead to different issues and challenges that required specific attentions. Hence, there is a pressing need to connect all the Geopark Managers in this region to share their experience, challenges, and best practices in steering their respective Geoparks towards achieving sustainable development goal visioned by the Geopark Concept.

Objectives

The objectives of the regional workshop are:

1. To boost and enhance connectivity of GGN members
2. To share experiences, challenges, and best practices for sustainable management of the Geopark
3. To disseminate and exchange ideas and knowledge on the concept of sustainable development
4. To promote better understanding on concept of GGN networking in this region
Participants
The course is open to Geopark staff members (priority is given to the Asia Pacific Geoparks) working on Geopark, geotourism, geosite, management and landscape topics, as well as to aspiring geopark in Asia Pacific region.

Those who are interested in participating in the workshop are invited to send an RegistrationForm accompanied by a short CV and an abstract of their presentation on Geopark action plan, best practices and programs, which they will present during the workshop.

Organizing Committee

Advisor : Prof Emeritus Dato' Dr Ibrahim Komoo
Coordinator : Prof Dr Mohd Shafeea Leman
Keynote Speakers : Prof Dr Patrick McKeever – UNESCO GGN
Prof Dr Nickolas Zouros – GGN/EGN
Prof Emeritus Dato' Dr Ibrahim Komoo – GGN/APGN

Guest Lecturers : Prof Dr Che Aziz Ali – Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Prof Dr Mohd Shafeea Leman – Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Dr Mahito Watanabe – APGN, Japanese Geoparks Network
Dr Ng Young C Y – Hong Kong Global Geopark
Prof Dato' Dr Norzaini Azman – Universiti Malaysia Terengganu

Prof Dr Norhayati Ahmad – Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Dr Sharina Abdul Halim – Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Dr Zainah Ibrahim – Malaysia Heritage Department

Secretariat : Langkawi Development Authority
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Duration And Tentative Programmes

The proposed duration for the workshop is five days. This workshop will cover five fundamental aspects of Sustainable Geopark Management; i.e GGN Concept, Geopark Management, Research & Conservation, Public Awareness, Education & Community Engagement and Sustainable Resource Management.

The contents of the workshop will be delivered through lectures by GGN Experts, sharing, discussion and presentation during workshop and field discussion. The field trip will be organized along the Kilim Karst Geoforest Park, Machinchang Cambrian Geoforest Park and Dayang Bunting Marble Geoforest Park trails where participants will be able to visit and study the infrastructure and development of the Langkawi Global Geopark.

For the fieldtrip, participants are advised to prepare for suitable fieldwork attire. Participants are required to prepare presentation on their country case study for sharing and promoting best practices in various aspects of geopark management. The proposed program, is as the following:
# 1st Regional Workshop on Sustainable Geopark Management 2015

**“Effective Management For Better Geopark Future - Geopark’s Management and Action Plans”**

Langkawi Island – Malaysia, 7th – 11th March 2015

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**Geopark Management**

| 09.00-10.00 European Geopark Management | Prof Dr Nicholas Zouros, Coordinator, European Geoparks Network (EGN) |
| 10.00-10.30 Coffee break |  |
| 10.30-11.30 Asia Pacific Geoparks Management | Dr Mahito Watanabe, Japanese Geoparks Network |
| 11.30-12.30 Langkawi Geopark Experience | Tan Sri Khalid Ramli, CEO, Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) |
| 12.30-14.00 Lunch |  |
| 14.00-17.30 Workshop 1: Management & Action Plan |  |

**Education & Community Engagement**

| 20.00-21.00 Education in Geopark | Prof Dato' Dr Norzainti Azman, Research Fellow, Talent Management Center, UMT |
| 21.00-22.00 Community Engagement in Geopark | Dr Sharina Abdul Halim, Head, Cultural & Community Research Programme, Langkawi Research Center, UKM |
|  | Coffee |

**DAY 3 (9th March 2015)**

**Education & Community Engagement**

| 09.00-11.00 * Case Study: Education and Community Engagement in Geopark (presentation from participants) |  |
| 11.00-11.30 Wrap-up Session: Education and Community Engagement | free flow coffee |
| 11.30-12.30 Research Need in Geopark | Prof Dr Che Aziz Ali, Deputy Director LESTARI, UKM |
| 12.30-14.00 Lunch |  |
| 14.00-15.00 GeoConservation in Geopark | Prof Dr Mohd Shafeea Leman, Advisor, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) |
| 15.00-16.00 Biodiversity in Geopark | Prof. Dr Norhayati Ahmad, Head, Biology & Marine Research Programme, Langkawi Research Center, UKM |
| 16.00-16.30 Coffee Break |  |
| 16.30-17.30 Cultural & Heritage in Geopark | Dr Zainah Ibrahim, Director, Department of Heritage, Malaysia |
| 20.00-22.30 Workshop 2: Research and Conservation in Geopark |  |

**DAY 4 (10th March 2015)**

**Field Visit**

| 08.30-17.30 Kilim Karst Geoforest Park & Machinchang Cambrian Geoforest Park | Dayang Bunting Marble Geoforest Park & Machinchang Cambrian Geoforest Park |
| 20.00-22.30 Farewell Dinner & Video Show |  |

**DAY 5 (11th March 2015)**

**Sustainable Tourism**

| 09.00-10.00 Sustainable Tourism in Geopark | Dr Ng Young C.Y, Chairman, Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong |
| 10.00-10.30 Coffee break |  |
| 10.30-11.30 * Case Study: Geotourism in Geopark (presentation from participant - 3 case study) |  |
| 11.30-12.00 Wrap-up Session: Geotourism |  |
| 12.00-13.00 Closing Ceremony |  |

*Participants are required to prepare case study presentation of your geopark/area.*

**Participants also need to bring some materials to promote your geopark/area such as printed materials (brochures, posters, promotional video), products (traditional clothing, local food) any others promotional materials.*
Workshop Information

Title: Effective Management For Better Geopark Future: Geopark's Management and Action Plans
Language: English
Participation: 30 Geoparks staff member
Date: 7th – 11th March 2015
Venue: Langkawi Research Center (LRC), Langkawi Island
Access: Transportation from Langkawi International Airport will be arranged.
Inscription rate: USD150 (workshop lecture materials, meals & field trips during the course, transportation from and to Langkawi airport).
Accommodation: Geopark Hotel, LRC Dormitory (rates and lists will be update later)
Registration deadline: 15th February 2015

Programme

Day 1 (Saturday, 7th March): Welcome Address and Lectures (Opening Ceremony will be organized during Welcoming Dinner)
Day 2 (Sunday, 8th March): Lectures And Workshop
Day 3 (Monday, 9th March): Lectures And Workshop
Day 4 (Tuesday, 10th March): Field Work
Day 5 (Wednesday, 11th March): Lectures and Closing Ceremony

Registration

All participants are kindly requested to complete the Registration Form and submit the completed form by email or by fax to the Organising Committee at the following address:

Fax Number: +604900669
e-mail: 1mshafeea@gmail.com, rasary@gmail.com
Registration Fee

Registration Fee: **USD150**

The Registration Fee covers the right to attend the Workshop, including lectures by International Geopark Experts, didactic material, field trips during the course, meals during workshop and field trips, transportation between Langkawi International Airport and Hotel and between Hotel to Workshop Venue.

Method of Payment will be send separately to the registered participants.

General Information

Transportation

**Arrival by air:** Langkawi International Airport (airport code LGK) has several daily connections to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) and Penang (PEN). Direct flight from Singapore (SIN) and other charter flights from other countries can be also used. Delegates are strongly recommended to book air travel as early as possible, since Langkawi is a busy tourist destination.

**Arrival by boat:** Ferries to Langkawi depart from Kuala Perlis, Kuala kedah, Penang and Satun Thailand (daily).

Langkawi Research Centre located at the North west of Langkawi Island at Jalan Teluk Yu approximately 40km from Kuah, 10km from Langkawi airport.

**Climate:** The weather is warm with temperature up to 34°C. Sunny days with high humidity.

Useful addresses

Some Internet addresses that might be of useful to participants:

Asia Pacific Geoparks Network
asiapacificgeoparks.org

Langkawi Geopark
www.langkawigeopark.com.my

Langkawi Tourism
naturallylangkawi.my
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Registration Form

Name:

Title:

Address:

Tel: Fax:

Email:

Title of paper – Case Study Of Geopark/Aspiring Geopark

Important dates:

Deadline for REGISTRATION: 15th February 2015

REGISTRATION FEE: 150 USD

Please email/fax/post this form to the Secretariat

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