



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE GEOPARK MANAGEMENT 2015

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

Langkawi Island - Malaysia , 7th - 11 March 2015

In collaboration with :



Organization :



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 from 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, conservation 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 Registration Form 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

Program Tentative

	Morning	Afternoon	Night
Day 1	Registration	GGN Geopark Concept	Welcoming Dinner
Day 2	Geopark Management	Geopark Management	Public Awareness
Day 3	Case Study Presentation	Research & Conservation	Research & Conservation
Day 4		Field Visit	
Day 5	Sustainable Tourism	Closing Ceremony	

Registration & Fee

Fee : USD150

Accommodation : Geopark Hotel, Langkawi Research Centre Dorm (will update the rate later)

All participants are kindly requested to complete the Registration Form and submit it by email or by fax to the Organising Committee :

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