

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE GEOPARK MANAGEMENT 2015
“Effective Management For Better Geopark Future ”

Venue
Langkawi Island, Malaysia

Date
7th– 11th March 2015

Organized by:
Langkawi Global Geopark
Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN)

In collaboration with:
Langkawi Development Authority (LADA)
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)

Registration Deadline: 15th February 2015

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 vissioned 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
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Universiti Malaysia Terengganu



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 – 11 March 2015



DAY 1 (7th March 2015)		
08.30-09.30	Registration	
09.30-10.00	Briefing	Prof Dr Mohd Shafeea Leman, Chairman, Regional Workshop on Sustainable Geopark Management 2015
10.00-10.30	ICE Breaking	
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
GGN Geopark Concept		
11.00-12.00	UNESCO and Geopark	Prof Dr Patrick James McKeever, UNESCO/IGCP Executive Secretary
12.00-13.00	Geopark : The Concept of Sustainability	Prof. Dato' Dr.Ibrahim Komoo, Coordinator, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN)
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.00	Geopark Networking	Prof Dr Nickolas Zouros, Coordinator, European Geoparks Network (EGN)
15.00-17.30	**Networking Session / Promoting Geopark	free flow coffee
20.00-22.00	Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Dinner	
DAY 2 (8th March 2015)		
Geopark Management		
09.00-10.00	European Geopark Management	Prof Dr Nickolas 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 Norzaini 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)	free flow coffee
11.00-11.30	Wrap-up Session: Education and Community Engagement	
Research & Conservation		
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	
	Coffee	
DAY 4 (10th March 2015)		
08.30-17.30	Field Visit	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.

7th-11th March 2015
Langkawi Global Geopark, Malaysia

Workshop Information

Title:	Effective Management For Better Geopark Future :Geopark's Management and Action Plans
Language:	English
Participation:	30 Geoparks staff member
Date:	7 th – 11 th 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





1st 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



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

Email : 1mshafeea@gmail.com

: rasary@gmail.com

Fax : +604 9600669

Phone : +604 9600600/700

Address : Geopark & Conservation Division

Langkawi Development Authority (Langkawi Global Geopark)

07000 Langkawi,

Kedah Darul Aman, MALAYSIA

Website : asiapacificsgeopark.org

: www.langkawigeopark.com.my

: naturallylangkawi.my

7th-11th March 2015
Langkawi Global Geopark, Malaysia