Developing Geotourism Attractions and Tours in Sabah

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The long and complex geological evolution of Sabah (more than 200 million years old) has produced diverse rock types, minerals, soils, geological structures and landforms, some rarely found in other parts of the world.
Geological mapping of major features around Kinabalu Park

- Tunku Abdul Rahman Park
- Kinabalu Park

- KUDAT
- Kinabalu Plateau
- Glacial Scouring
- Panar Laban
- Glacial Deposit
- Pinousuk Glacial Deposit
- Poring Hot Spring & Waterfall
- Diverse Rock Type Along Trail to Summit
- Kundasang Landslide Complex
Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary - wetlands

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Sukau Wildlife - alluvial

Sukau Wildlife Safari-alluvial
Geological mapping of mud volcanoes around Lahad Datu-Kunak area

Geological mapping of volcanic features
Tawau Hills Park

Tabin Wildlife Reserve- salt licks

TAWAU Hills Park
The coastal sediments were subsequently deformed into spectacular circular basins, such as the Maliau Basin, unique to Sabah.
Challenges

1. Accessibility, evacuation and safety issues on remote areas.
2. Different skills of guides – birding, botanical, wildlife, trekking, diving, whitewater rafting, river boat operations.
3. Physical fitness of guides.
4. Different weather conditions - underwater, lowland rainforest, alpine weather, fluctuating water level for river crossing.
5. Different road conditions and driving skills (4WD).

Proposals

1. Develop hybrid tour combining and leveraging biotic components with abiotic elements.
2. Develop abiotic elements using recreational activities. Eg. Whitewater rafting, via ferrata, abseiling, kayaking, trekking, river rambling.
3. Develop education and interpretation and incorporate into the guide training programs to relate how geology affects flora and fauna and why unique flora and fauna are found in certain areas only.
Proposals


5. Develop smart partnerships between tour companies in Hong Kong and Sabah. Eg. Geopark areas, alpine club, cycling clubs, birding clubs, etc.

6. Combine two cities promotions. Eg. Hong Kong and Sabah Geotours capitalising on Sabah unique flora and fauna.

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