



香港地貌岩石保育協會
Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong

Amah Rock's bid for New7Wonders

Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong ("AGHK") does not support any organizations or government departments to officially support and sponsor Amah Rock in the New7Wonders campaign. Reasons are:-.

- (1) Amah Rock is far from being qualified as a "world wonder" because it is not **GLOBALLY** unique, rare, aesthetic and extensive enough. We agree that Amah Rock is beautiful and it had been elected as the most beautiful rock in Hong Kong in our 2007 Rocks Beauty Pageant, however, there are many similar, if not better, rock features in Hong Kong and around the world;
- (2) Hong Kong will run the risk of fooling overseas visitors if we promote this potential "world wonder" as one of our sight seeing attractions. When they specially arrange to visit Amah Rock, they will be extremely disappointed by its lack of uniqueness, rarity and extensiveness;
- (3) The organizer of the New7Wonders is **NOT ASSOCIATED WITH UNESCO**, their results are not endorsed nor recognized by UNESCO. Many people may misunderstand that it is an UNESCO initiative similar to the World Heritage Listing, this would cause confusion;
- (4) The voting system of the New7Wonders is unclear and questionable. It is learnt that global public voting and organizing committee voting add up to decide the final winners. In global public voting, one email address has one vote. A person can register hundreds or even thousands of email address in order to attain the desired votes. Organized voting can be easily arranged. In addition, the organizing committee has not revealed the percentage of votes and the methods in making the final decision of who will be selected. This provides chances of manipulation and inequity.

In view of the above, AGHK believes it is unwise for any government department or organization to use taxpayers' coffers to support Amah Rock bidding for the New7Wonders. They will seriously ruin Hong Kong's good international reputation instead of helping to promote our tourism industry and international status.

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