

International Workshop on Sandstone Landforms & 25th Anniversary Meeting of Chinese Academy of Tourism Earthscience & Geopark Research, Geological Society of China, Zhangjiajie, China

November 9 -12, 2010

Young Ng, chairman of AGHK was invited by the Chinese Academy of Tourism Earthscience and Geopark Research Branch (CATEGRB) to attend the International Workshop on Sandstone Landforms as well as the 25th Anniversary Meeting of CATEGRB in Zhangjiajie, Hunan from November 9 -12, 2010. Over 300 delegates from different parts of the world and China attended the workshop. Important papers were presented in the workshop covering topics such as:

- (1) Formation and evolution of sandstone landforms in Zhangjiajie;
- (2) Classification, characteristics and distribution of sandstone landforms in China;
- (3) Research progress on sandstone landform in the world;
- (4) Sandstone landforms research in Australia

Discussion sessions were held after keynote presentations. Results of the discussion were compiled into reports for submitting to the management authority of Zhangjiajie World Heritage and Global Geopark as advices for improvement.

The 25th Anniversary Meeting of Chinese Academy of Tourism Earthscience was held at the same time as the international workshop. Over 100 papers on various subjects related to tourism earthscience and geotourism were submitted and nearly half of them were presented. Anze Chen, vice-chairman of the CATEGRB concluded the meeting by proposing nine areas of improvement on the geopark and geotourism developments in Zhangjiajie. It was also agreed that a branch of the Chinese Academy of Tourism Earthscience would be established in Hong Kong. Young Ng, chairman of AGHK had been appointed as the official representative of this Hong Kong branch.

Selected pictures:



Photo 1: P. Migon (L), vice-president of International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), M. Crozier(M), president of IAG & Y. Ng, chairman of AGHK(R)



Photo 2: Y.Ng (L), A. Chen, vice-chairman of CATEGRB (M) & S. Wang, Chinese Cultural University of Taiwan (R)



Photo 3: Y. Ng (L) & J. Wang, Father of Danxia Landform (L)



Photo 4: Y.Ng (L), K.Y. Tao, Nanjing Geological & Mining Research Institute (L2), J.R. Sin (L3, former head of Earthscience & Resource Management, China University of Geosciences , Wuhan and other delegates