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## Inaugural Geodiversity Workshop - celebrating the International Geodiversity Day

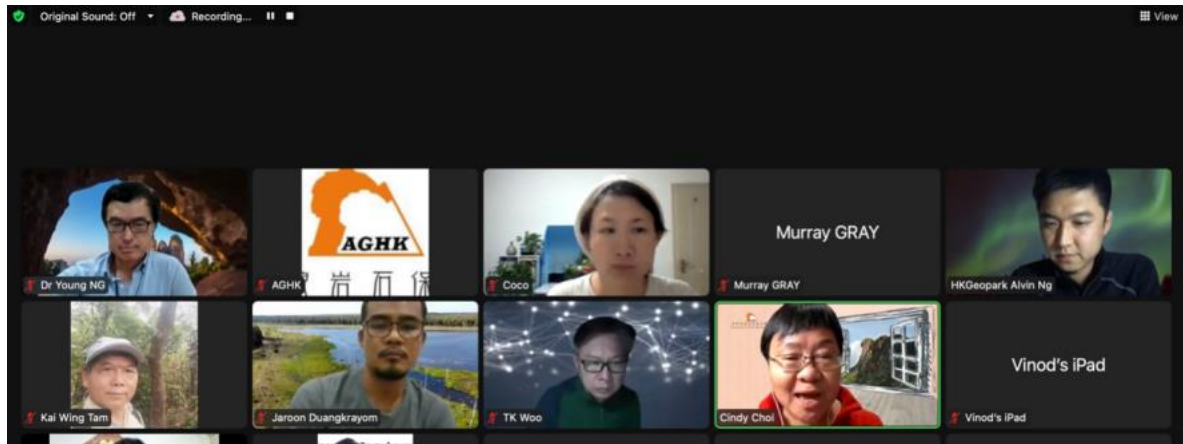
To celebrate UNESCO's approval of the establishment of International Geodiversity Day (IGD) on 6<sup>th</sup> October, our Association (AGHK), with the support of IGD, organised the Inaugural Geodiversity Workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> January from 19:30 to 22:00 to raise the awareness of the critical linkages between geodiversity and all life forms. We were very honoured to have Prof. Murray Gray from UK who is one of the drivers of IGD, Dr. Kejian Xu from China, Dr. Jaroon Duangkrayom from Thailand and Mr. Alvin Ng from Hong Kong to be our speakers. The online workshop received overwhelming responses with about 120 participants coming from U.K., Serbia, Kenya, Egypt, Iraq, India, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, China, Taiwan, Australia, Mexico, and Hong Kong.

Prof. Murray Gray started the workshop by explaining the meaning and importance of Geodiversity as well as the initiatives leading to the establishment of IGD. Dr. Kejian Xu then summarised the geological and geographical setting of China, reviewed the status of geodiversity and geoparks in China. Dr. Jaroon Duangkrayom followed to detailedly present the geodiversity of Khorat Geopark and its application for geoproducts, education and geotourism. Finally Mr. Alvin Ng highlighted the geodiversity of Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark which is impressively rich for such an urbanised and densely populated small city of around 1,100 sq km land area.

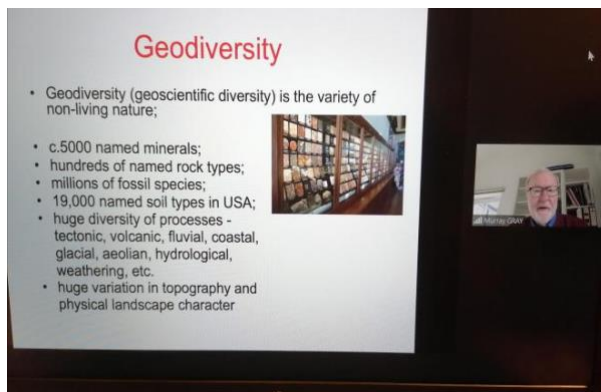
The participants were very active in raising many meaningful questions which the speakers answered as detailed as possible. Following the success of this workshop, we plan to organise a series of workshops relating to geodiversity of other countries. Please stay tuned for our news.



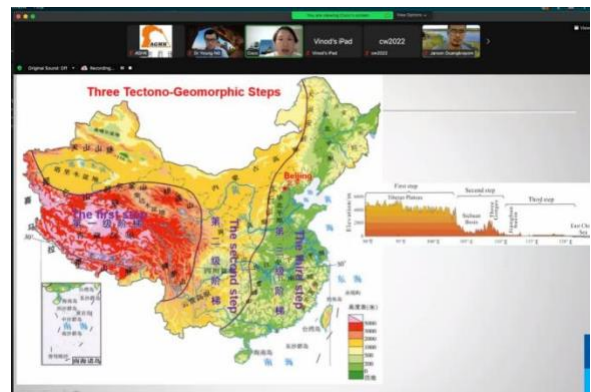
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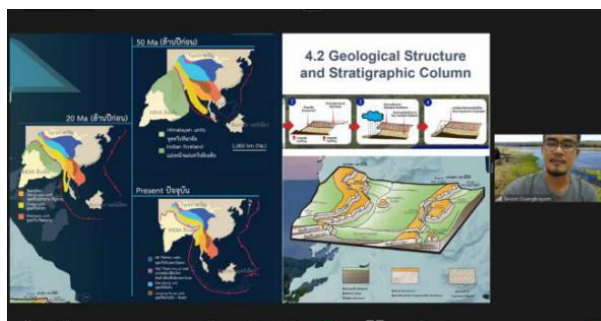
Cindy Choi, Chairwoman of AGHK opened the workshop and Dr. Young Ng, our Permanent Honourary Advisor was the MC.



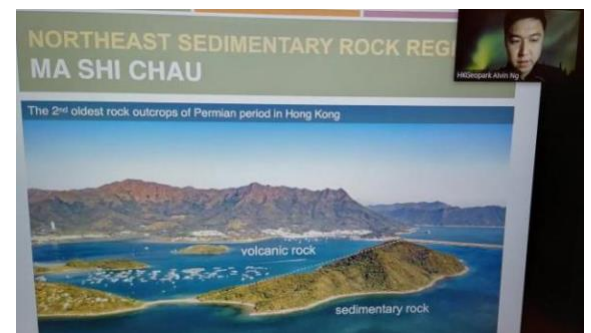
Prof. Murray Gray



Dr. Kejian Xu



Dr. Jaroon Duangkrayom

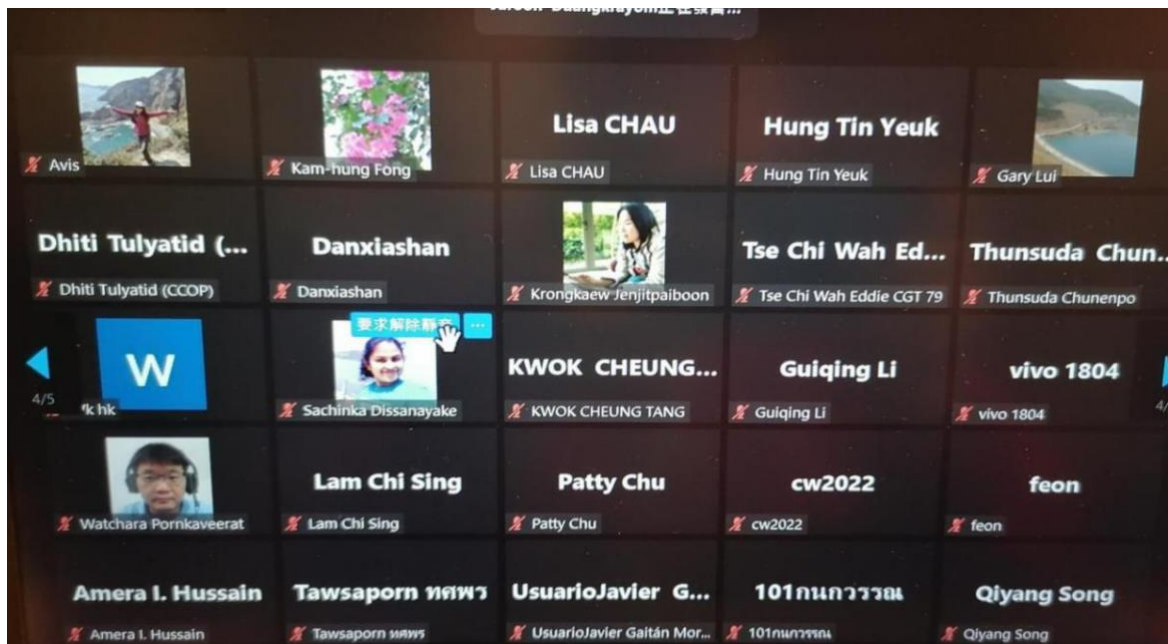
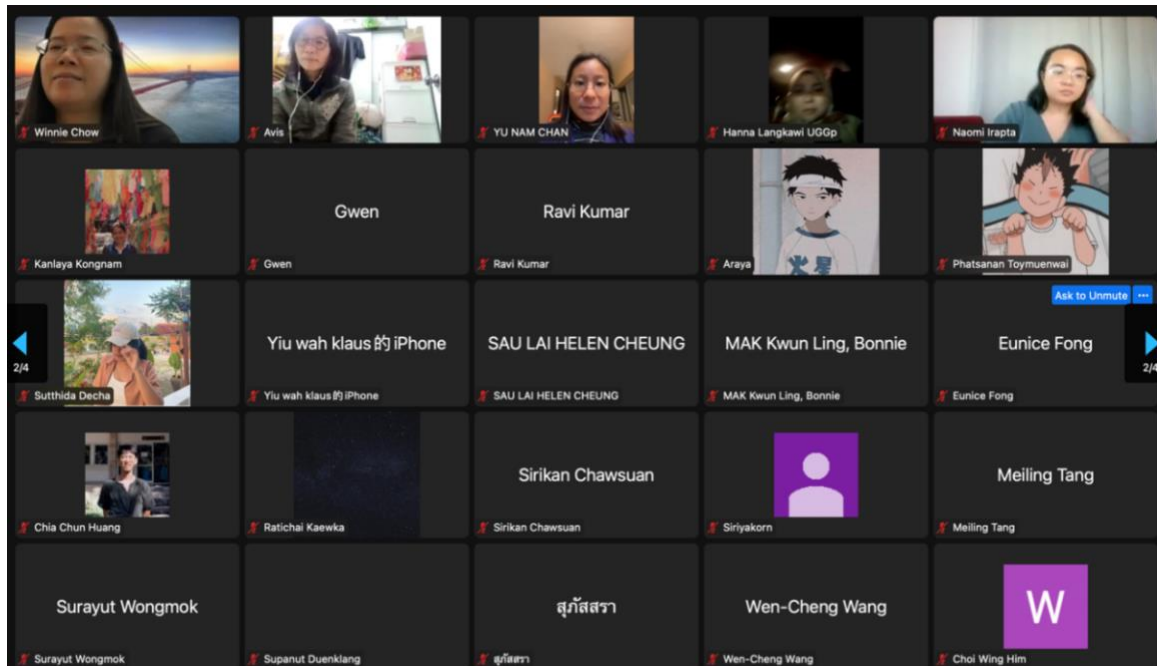


Mr. Alvin Ng



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Participants from over 10 countries



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