



Geodiversity Workshop - celebrating the International Geodiversity Day TONGA ERUPTION

To celebrate the International Geodiversity Day, our Association, with the support of IGD, continue to organise the Geodiversity Workshop - celebrating the International Geodiversity Day TONGA ERUPTION on 26 February 2022 from 17:00 to 19:00 (UTC+8:00). We were very honoured to have Prof. Karoly Nemeth from New Zealand to share his research findings and views on the shocking Tonga volcanic eruption on 14-15 January 2022. As usual, the online workshop received overwhelming responses with about 180 participants coming from all over the world.

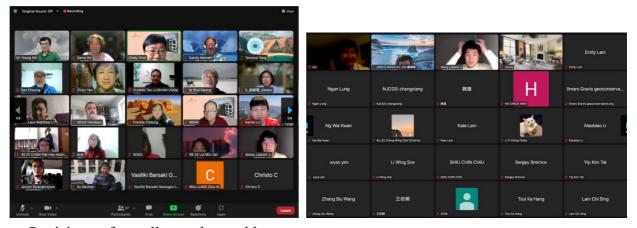
Prof. Nemeth explained in details the characteristics and possible causes of this very unique once-in-a-millennium event. He then described the volcanic hazards including the destruction of an island and the catastrophes generated by the Pacific-wide Tsunami. Prof. Nemeth also raised out various thoughts such as the possibility of analogy, keeping the geoheritage legacy in-situ or exo-situ which could be related to geoconservation, geotourism and geoeducation.

Our MC, Dr Young Ng introduced Prof. Nemeth and helped raising questions which Prof. Nemeth answered in great depth. Ms Cindy Choi, our chairwoman announced the upcoming workshop series relating to geodiversity of other continents until November this year. The next one will be held on 30 March about Europe.





Prof. Karoly Nemeth sharing his presentation.



Participants from all over the world.

Please browse <u>www.rocks.org.hk</u> for the PPT memo and enter <u>https://youtu.be/GKxrs3NVS7U</u> to watch and listen to the replay.

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