

HKBU CIE Joins with AGHK in Celebrating International Geodiversity Day in Hong Kong



To celebrate the first UNESCO's International Geodiversity Day on 6th October, students from the College of International Education of the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU CIE) joined the online geodiversity seminar and local geotour organised by the Association of Geoconservation, Hong Kong (AGHK) and supported by HKBU CIE.

During the online geodiversity seminar, students learnt more about the meaning and importance of geodiversity from Prof Murray Gray, School of Geography, Queen Mary University of London. Prof. Murray Gray said that geodiversity, which is the variety of earth materials, forms and processes that constitute and shape the Earth, is essential to our biodiversity and human well-being. Furthermore, Mr. Alvin Ng from Agriculture and Fisheries Department of the HKSAR Government, shared more about the geodiversity and geological features in the Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark, which is made up of eight geo-areas distributed across the Sai Kung Volcanic Rock Region and Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region.



To further enhance students' learning and experience about the rich geodiversity in Hong Kong, HKBU CIE students joined an exciting geotour to visit the Lai Chi Chong which is one of the major geosites locally. The geotour is organized by AGHK and led by their experienced geopark guides. Students learnt more about the geological formation of Tolo Channel in Northeast new Territories and saw the 400 million years old rocks at Wong Chung Kok Tsui. Further, they went to Lai Chi Chong geosite and were fascinated by the late Jurassic volcanic sedimentary rocks, sedimentary rocks and the spectacular fold

which were formed by different geological processes in different geological periods.

The above geodiversity seminar and geotour activities help HKBU CIE students understand the importance of geodiversity and explore the local earth history. Students are inspired and would like to communicate with others on this increasingly important geoconservation topic.