



Celebrating International Geodiversity Day - Volcanic Diversity

On 22 November 2021, UNESCO approved 6 October as the International Geodiversity Day ('IGD'). Being one of the keen supporters, AGHK had organised a series of workshops from Jan to Nov, 2022 to celebrate the establishment of IGD. To raise the awareness of the many benefits geodiversity provides for people, society, and the environment, we are committed to make our concerted efforts to enable the public to understand the critical linkages between geodiversity, biodiversity as well as cultural diversity.

The theme of our 2023 workshop is 'Volcanic Diversity'. Volcanic diversity encompasses a wide range of issues such as tectonic activity, the important role of volcanoes play in shaping our world and affecting our lives. Volcanic eruptions, while destructive such as creating geohazard and impacting on climate variability, they also create new opportunities such as volcano tourism. They have played a crucial part in forming various ecosystems, including volcanic islands and geothermal habitats. By conserving and studying these natural wonders, we can gain scientific knowledge, protect the environment, and promote sustainable development.

AGHK is very honoured to have invited renowned geo-experts and geo-conservationists to discuss volcanic diversity, allowing us to appreciate the extraordinary forces shaping our world and enriching our lives.

Details:

Date: 30 Sep. 2023

Time: Hong Kong Time (UTC+8:00)

1845 – 1900 Registration

1900 – 2130 Presentations, Q&A

Topics and speakers:

Geoheritage and geodiversity of the Taupo Volcanic Zone by Prof. Károly Németh, School of Agriculture and Environment, Massey University, New Zealand

Volcanic diversity of Hong Kong Geopark by Mr. Alvin Ng, Geopark Officer (Education), Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark, HKSAR

Volcanic eruption and geohazard of Aso Geopark by Mr. Koki Nagata, Director of Aso Geopark Promotion Council, Japan

Volcano Geotourism to support Sustainable Local Communities in Rinjani-Lombok Geopark, by Mr. Farid Z. Mohamad, General Manager of Rinjani-Lombok UNESCO Global Geopark Management Agency, Indonesia

Volcanic eruptions and climate variability by Prof. Wyss Yim, Honorary Advisor of Science, Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong

Language: English

Fee: Free

Software: Zoom (Login details will be sent by email later)

Registration deadline: *26 Sep 2023 (Tues)*

Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/d6BbomsB5bK1L7XY7>

For those who can't enter the registration form, please email your name, email address, wechat no. (if any) and affiliated organisation to talk@rocks.org.hk

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Organiser: Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong

Successful registrants will be notified by email. In case of any disputes, the decision of AGHK shall be final and conclusive.

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