



Geotourism Workshop

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To enhance the international geotourism knowledge and interpretation skills of the Recommended Geopark Guides (R2G), AGHK had organised the “R2G Geotourism Workshop” from 21 - 23 Jan, 2011. It is sponsored by the Home Affairs Bureau and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. Five geotourism and geopark specialists were invited as our honorary guests to share their in-depth knowledge and experience.

Professor David Newsome, Chair, Western Australian Conservation Commission and Committee and Member, IUCN World Protected Areas committee, a renowned international geotourism professional and author of over 15 books about geotourism and nature conservation, member of R2G Advisory Committee, expounded on “How to be a good geopark guide”. The characteristics of a good tour guide include: knowledge, enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, the ability to manage, supervise and provide a safe environment. A good guide must also be able to communicate at all levels and across all cultures. Above all, to be effective, a tour guide needs to show passion.

Mr. Hou Rongfeng, Deputy Officer of Guangdong Shaoguan Danxiashan World Natural Heritage Management Committee, explained the unique characteristics of Danxiashan and various ways to appreciate the Danxia landforms.

Dr. Yeung Ka Ming, Senior Geopark Officer, Geopark Division, AFCD, narrated the current progress of the nomination of Hong Kong Geopark as a Global Geopark and how a R2G should be equipped and prepared for this global status.

Ms. Gu Lijuan, Head of Danxiashan World Natural Heritage and Global Geopark Museum, shared her practical techniques and skills in geo guiding and the difficulties encountered.

Mr. Young Ng, Chairman of Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong, elaborated on “Spokesman of Rocks & Landforms: Geopark Guide”. He emphasized the importance of interpretation is to enable the participants to enjoy the tour with enlightenment, arouse their appreciation, cherish our rocks and landforms, with the ultimate aim of conserving our geological heritage, popularizing earth sciences and enabling sustainable development. The R2G must therefore possess the required knowledge, attitudes, passion, ethics and skills to communicate effectively, precisely and correctly in simple understandable terms and language to the participants.

The interpretation theories were put into practice during the two fieldtrips to Ung Kong Islands region and the Double Haven region. The R2Gs and the professionals shared their experience in demonstrating how to structure their interpretation; centre on a theme and associated messages; be of relevance to the visitors; entail active involvement and the engagement of first hand experiences; facilitate maximum use of the senses and foster self discovered insights.

Participants of the workshop highly appreciated and enjoyed such interactive and valuable learning experience, their knowledge and skills on interpretation were greatly enhanced.



地質旅遊工作坊 (21-23/01/2011)

爲了增進地質公園導賞員的國際地質旅遊知識與導賞技巧，在 2011 年 1 月 21 日至 23 日，本會舉辦了爲期三天的「R2G 地質旅遊工作坊」。是次工作坊是由民政事務局及漁農自然護理署贊助。我們十分榮幸邀請了五位海內外地質旅遊及地質公園專家爲嘉賓與地質公園導賞員分享他們豐富的知識與經驗。

紐森教授- 出版了地質旅遊及自然保育書籍超過 15 本的世界著名地質旅遊專家，兼國際自然保護聯盟世界保護地委員會委員、西澳洲保育管理及規劃委員會主席及香港地質公園導賞員推薦制度顧問，闡釋“怎樣做好一個地質公園導賞員”。他認爲一個優秀的地質公園導賞員除了要掌握地質知識、要熱誠、好學、有管理及指導能力、懂得以安全爲上；他更必須要以有效的解說方法令各階層、各文化背景的參加者都明白所講的內容；最重要的，是要擁有一顆熾熱的心，才可有效地傳達正確的訊息。

廣東韶關市丹霞山風景名勝區管理委員會副主任侯榮豐先生爲大家介紹中國地球科學國粹 - 丹霞地貌的特色及如何演繹丹霞地貌。

漁農自然護理署地質公園主管楊家明博士則講述香港國家地質公園申報爲世界地質公園的進度及作爲一個地質公園導賞員，應如何自我提升技能以配合香港升格爲世界地質公園。

廣東丹霞山世界地質公園博物館館長顧麗娟女士分享她從事丹霞山世界地質公園導賞員的實際豐富經驗，遇到的各總問題。

香港地貌岩石保育協會主席吳振揚先生則重申地質公園導賞員作爲「岩石地貌的代言人」，是要讓參加者從享受地質旅遊的過程中得到啓發，產生興趣，從而懂得珍惜岩石地貌，以達到地質保育、普及地球科學和持續發展的目標。他們應具備相關的知識、應有的態度、質素、行爲操守和表達技巧。最重要的是地質公園導賞員必須要用簡單、易懂的用辭，有效、精簡和準確地解說。

在西貢甕缸群島及印洲塘景區的兩天戶外考察中，各地質公園導賞員都得以學以致用，與專家分享交流他們的經驗，示範如何組織內容、演繹主題和表達相關

資料、利用第一手的經驗，引起遊客的興趣，令他們運用五官，積極參與、有所啟發。

大家都十分享受這三天的工作坊，感到獲益良多。當中的互動學習，專家所提出的寶貴意見和各導賞員的經驗交流，都大大增進了各人對地質導賞的認知和應用技巧的瞭解。











