

Departmental Seminar 2014-15

Title: Getting to Know the Global Geoparks

Speaker: Dr K.M. Yeung, Senior Geopark Officer, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, HKSAR Government

Date & Time: Thursday, 26 March 2015, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Venue: Room 1010 (Map Library), 10/F, Department of Geography, The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus

Abstract

A global geopark supported by the UNESCO is one which must possess internationally unique geological heritages of considerable scale. At present, 111 global geoparks in 32 countries have been established. The key functions of a geopark are to protect its natural heritage and promote science transfer. It should also facilitate collaboration between government, local communities and NGOs so that there are reciprocal benefits for all, and so that all members enjoy and benefit from the sustainable development of their precious resources.

In the seminar, Dr K.M. Yeung, Senior Geopark Officer from the HKSAR government, will give an overview of geoparks in general, and also of his work relating to the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China. He will also share career opportunities arising from this rather new venture.

Introduction of K.M. Yeung

Dr Yeung is the head of Hong Kong Global Geopark of China. He has over 25 years of experience in the planning, management and promotion of protected areas. Dr Yeung started the geopark venture in 2009, and Hong Kong's application to become a national geopark of China succeeded in the same year. In 2011, Hong Kong Geopark became a member of the Global Geoparks Network. As part of its participation in the Chinese, Asian and global geopark networks, Hong Kong Geopark has eight sister geoparks and three cooperation partners worldwide.