

GEOSCIENCE EDUCATION WORKSHOP 1982 - REPORT

The above workshop was successfully held at Abbey Room 1, Hotel Merlin, Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, 27th April, 1982. Some 42 members and non-members participated in the workshop, which comprised participants from all the universities in Malaysia, Mara Institute of Technology, Petroleum companies (such as Petronas, Esso, BNO), Geological Survey Malaysia, Ministry of Education (Curriculum Centre and Lembaga Peperiksaan) and the mining sector (MMC, SEATRAD Centre, Perangsang Selangor).

The objectives of the workshop were the following:

- a) To provide a forum for the exchange of views and experiences between teaching programs and the use of available geoscience manpower, facilities and services in universities and research institutions in Malaysia.
- b) To identify clearly the needs and problem areas.
- c) To propose realistic ways of improving the present situation and to plan for practical follow-up activities.

Dr. Mohamad Ayob, the President of the Geological Society of Malaysia gave the welcoming address and declared open the workshop. There were 4 sessions in the workshop (see workshop programme). The opening session on Geoscience Curriculum comprised papers presented by various heads and leaders of geoscience departments of higher institutions in Malaysia and also a representative of the oil industry, Dr. David Skevington from British National Oil Corporation. This was followed by 2 forums given by invited personnels from the industry, government, universities and local geoscience societies. The last session was an open discussion concentrating on 'geological terms', refreshers courses and geoscience education at Pre-university levels.

Seven papers (see abstracts of papers) covering geoscience curriculum and problems relating to geological terms were presented and discussed. Reports on the forum sessions are available in this Warta. The Society will try and publish the proceedings of the Workshop in the near future.

The Organising Committee would like to thank all the organisations and individuals, for their kind cooperation, interesting and lively discussions and for services rendered during the workshop.