

## **Langkawi Global Geopark's education initiative in raising Geopark awareness**

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Since the inclusion of Langkawi as a Global Geoparks Network member in 2007, Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) has been planning both on physical and software development on Langkawi Geopark along with other agencies and organization in Langkawi. Langkawi Geopark has been actively organizing several prominent programs with the school children in Langkawi and also other schools outside Langkawi District. Among the programs are Geopark Camp, Geopark Goes To School, School Goes To Geopark, GeoExpo and GeoXPDC, together with cooperation of Langkawi District Education Department and Malaysia Nature Society's Environment Education Centre. Teachers in Langkawi also have been involved with the Geopark's training program. Geopark Club also been integrated as a new club for schools in Langkawi where this club will play the role to disseminate information and programs on Langkawi Geopark. For a long-term goal, Langkawi Geopark aims to introduce Geopark Modul in the school curriculum endorsed by Ministry of Education, especially to schools in Langkawi. A new interpretive center called Geopark Discovery Center is being built as a one-stop center for students and tourists to get information about Langkawi Geopark and other Global Geoparks in the world. This center would be the first of its kind, interactive interpretive center in Malaysia. Several other programs, such as Langkawi Geopark Carnival and GeoHunt have been organized annually to engage and educate with the community in a more responsive way. With the Langkawi Research Center establishment, we are hoping that community in Langkawi will be get benefit and involve in 'service based learning', 'community based research' and problem based learning to help improve their livelihood and embrace the geopark concept in their live.

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