

CERAMAH TEKNIK TECHNICAL TALK

Natural hazards and climate (change) adaptation: Examples of facing multiple challenges from a geoscience-planning cooperation perspective

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The above talks were jointly organized by the Mineral and Geoscience Department of Malaysia (JMG) and the Geological Society of Malaysia (GSM) held at JMG Kuching Office on 24th December 2010.

Interestingly the speakers were closely related; a father and a son. The first speaker, Dr Philipp Schmidt-Thome gave an interesting talk on the Natural Hazards and Climate Change and quoted a lot of examples from European countries. The second speaker, Dr Michael Schmidt-Thome delivered a lengthy talk on German Geoparks Project. He pointed out at the various scientific criteria, namely beautiful landscapes as elements required for a geopark status by the committees responsible for establishing world geoparks.

The talks were attended by about 80 participants comprising the geological staff JMG Kuching Office, representatives from government departments, lecturers from local institutions, local press members, individuals and representatives from private sectors.

A two days field excursion (27-28 December 2010) was organized for the participants together with both speakers in the Santubong Peninsular and Borneo Highland areas. The participants had enjoyed the talks and the field visits while both speakers enjoyed the green and tranquilizing beautiful Borneo Highlands.

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