

Geomorphosites and its application for geotourism in Hong Kong Global Geopark, SE China

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In addition to being a world famous metropolis, Hong Kong also boasts a wealth of geomorphosites with scientific, aesthetic, ecological and cultural values, especially the representative and comprehensive coastal landforms which are the good example of the variety and complexity of geological processes and morphogenetic events in Hong Kong and presents a wide range of geological and geomorphological topics. For the purpose of protecting the world-class geoheritage and efficiently promoting geotourism, the national geopark of Hong Kong was established in 2009, and listed as Hong Kong Global Geopark (HKGG) by the GGN Bureau in 2011. HKGG was developed under the well-established Hong Kong Country Parks and Marine Parks with nearly 40 years of experience in park construction. In light of the good management foundation and a whole series of initiatives and activities conducted to promote geotourism, HKGG becomes a pioneer in the development of geotourism in China and can be used by the geoparks in other countries as model of good practices for geotourism at present and in future. Within this framework, this paper focuses on the geomorphosites and geotourism of Hong Kong Global Geopark. It gives a list and a description of the geomorphosites and presents the situation of geomorphosite assessment in HKGG. It also analyzes the development of geotourism in this area. Finally, it summarizes geomorphosite enhancement experience for the promotion of geotourism in HKGG.