



中国地质学会

Geological Society of China



**Memorandum of Cooperation on Geotourism
between
The Geological Society of China
and
The Geological Society of Australia Inc.**

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We, The Geological Society of China (GSC) and The Geological Society of Australia Inc. (GSA)

Desiring to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation in order to promote better understanding and closer cooperation between the two associations for the promotion and advancement of geotourism;

Being confident that the signing of Memorandum of Cooperation will create a partnering arrangement between the two associations to develop mutually-beneficial geotourism between China and Australia.

1. We agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. growing and enhancing the level of best practice nature-based tourism in both China and Australia;
- b. progressing protection, conservation and presentation of natural and mixed protected areas, geoparks (in China and in Australia, where approved by governments), national parks and reserves (in Australia), Australian national landscapes and areas on the World Heritage List, as defined in the World Heritage Convention 1972 (both countries);
- c. exploring opportunities to promote geotourism through mechanisms such as geotrails and national mining parks;
- d. raising the profile of China and Australia as world-leading nature-based tourism destinations;
- e. exploring other co-operative projects such as participation in conferences; and
- f. fostering the development of 'sister park' relationships between China and Australia, having regard to the following objectives:
 - i. To learn from each other and share information with respect to park policies, management goals and performance measures.
 - ii. To learn from each other and share information on management methods and expertise in protecting cultural and natural resources.
 - iii. To learn from each other and share technical information such as the application of software programs for research and the management of resources.

- iv. To learn from each other and share information on planning and facilities for environmental education such as the planning and setting of youth education camps and education courses.
 - v. To encourage the training of personnel through an exchange program or staff attachment.
 - vi. To exchange scientific research on natural and cultural heritage topics as well as on advances in geotourism and tourism earth science.
 - vii. To share information on the management and planning of recreational facilities and nature-based tourism such as official and civil cooperative development plans and economic development plans.
 - viii. To share information on development of tourist markets, and visitation trends.
 - ix. To share information on the development of and support for voluntary groups and sister organisations as park advocates.
 - x. To share successful experiences of community consultation and involvement, and participation of indigenous inhabitants of each country.
2. To implement this Memorandum of Cooperation, GSC and GSA, each will fund their own activities as deemed appropriate, and seek to source grants and other third party funding opportunities, where available.
 3. GSC and GSA will develop a yearly work plan for geotourism-related activities and decide on the project priorities, subject to available funding, for each calendar year. Each participant shall cover its own expenses as appropriate.
 4. This Memorandum of Cooperation is entered into as a basis for the ongoing cooperation between the parties. Neither party intends for this Memorandum of Cooperation to be enforceable at law.
 5. The addresses to be used to contact each party are the following:

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6. This Memorandum of Cooperation must be executed in counterpart and becomes effective from the date of execution. It shall remain operative until either of the parties requests its termination in writing to the other association, at least three months in advance. Both associations will have the right to propose amendments if and when they consider such amendments necessary to improve the cooperation between them. Any such amendments must be approved by both parties.

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