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## ANNUAL COOPERATING ORGANIZATION REPORT

<b>Organization:</b>	<b>Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</b>	<b>Period:</b>	<b>1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016</b>
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### 1. Summary

A MoU for cooperation between CCOP and UKM has been in effect since 19 July 2007. The signing of the MoU between CCOP and UKM and its subsequent elevation to Cooperating Organization was strongly supported and facilitated by the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the CCOP, the Director General of the Minerals and Geoscience Department, Malaysia.

Many activities have been jointly undertaken between UKM and CCOP over the past decade under the auspices of the Minerals and Geoscience Department of Malaysia. The activities were organized to recognize the importance of regional cooperation and build capacity of geoscientists in addressing issues related to regional sustainable development. Highlights of some of the current initiatives on geoparks and geoheritage include the following:-

- The 4th Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium on 16 - 20 September 2015
- Regional Geoheritage Conference 2015 in Langkawi on 2 - 5 November 2015
- The 2nd Regional Geoheritage & Geopark Conference *to be held in UPN "Veteran" Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 24 – 25 November 2016.*

### 2. Review of current technical activities and geoscience programmes in the CCOP Region (Multilateral or Bilateral)

Joint activities between CCOP and UKM focus on building capacity of geoscientists in expanding geoscience to support sustainable development. The activities carried out in the period July 2015 – June 2016, were mainly on Conservation Geology, namely Geoheritage, Geoparks & Geotourism. These activities were made possible with the collaboration of Minerals and Geoscience Department of Malaysia, and Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN).

The activities include the following:-

- The 4th Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium. Date: 16 - 20 September 2015. Venue: San'in Kaigan Japan. Theme: "Geoparks: Networking and Society". The 4th series of the bi-annual Asia Pacific Geoparks Network

(APGN) Symposium, was participated in by country members of Global Geoparks in Asia Pacific region.

- Regional Geoheritage Conference 2015. Date: 2 - 5 November 2015. Venue: Langkawi Global Geopark, Malaysia. A platform to open up opportunity in sharing geoheritage resources and geotourism prospects beyond political boundaries in order to share common challenges in geoheritage conservation initiatives and to facilitate regional geotourism and geopark development. This time the host also invited geoheritage enthusiasts from neighbouring Thailand to join the conference as special guests to look for possibility of forming a tripartite conference in the future. This conference was co-organized by the Geological Heritage Group of Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional, Langkawi Development Authority, Department of Minerals and Geoscience Malaysia and Department of National Heritage Malaysia.
- The 2nd Regional Geoheritage & Geopark Conference. Date: 24 – 25 November 2016. Venue: UPN “Veteran” Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The 11th Joint Geoheritage Conference Indonesia – Malaysia on geoparks aims to promote geoparks development and geotourism among ASEAN countries.

### **3. Proposed future activities and assistance to CCOP in support to current and future activities**

- Climate Change and Climate Extreme Disasters Workshop with GTK (Planned to be held during CCOP Annual Session in Oct 2016)
- Geoheritage and Geopark Programme with CCOP members