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Call for papers
for the Thematic Session
"The Role of Geoscience in Safeguarding
Our Environment"

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Mines and Geosciences Bureau (DENR-MGB), Philippines
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of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS)



OBJECTIVES

Geoscience has traditionally played a prominent role in the world's emerging and developing economies, particularly in the search and sustainable development of mineral, energy and water resources while at the same time addressing the equally important concern for environmental protection and conservation. In recent times, this role of geoscience has been given even more emphasis as resources have become increasingly scarce, calls for resource sustainability have become imperative, and the demand for environmental protection has reached unprecedented levels. The relevance of geoscience in reducing the negative impacts of natural hazards is also given prominence, especially in relation to climate change.

Raising public awareness on the importance of the application of geoscientific knowledge in these societal concerns needs to be relentlessly pursued at the present time in the ASEAN member countries, especially in the Philippines, where such issues are in the limelight. Thus, the CCOP, DENR-MGB and DOE-ERDB, in cooperation with the DOST-PHIVOLCS are organizing the 53rd CCOP Annual Session with the theme "*The Role of Geoscience in Safeguarding Our Environment*".

The Session will provide an opportunity for delegates from CCOP Member Countries, and Cooperating Countries and Organizations to share their knowledge and expertise generated from their geoscience-related country programs. Such pool of information generated from the Session will be essential in raising awareness on the relevance of geoscience in relation to its role in safeguarding our environment. Presentations on geoscientific innovations, research findings, new technologies and best practices are particularly welcome as they will also provide opportunities for collaborative undertakings among the CCOP member countries. The knowledge that the delegates will acquire from the Session can be shared with the policy makers and other stakeholders in their respective countries to be used as tools in pursuing science-based policy directions and decisions in the sustainable development of natural resources and hazard risk reduction.

SUB-THEMES

Paper and poster presentations for the 53rd CCOP Annual Session shall be grouped together under several sub-themes as follows:

1. Mineral Resource Development and Environmental Protection
2. Energy Resource Development and Environmental Protection
3. Groundwater Resource Development and Environmental Protection
4. Geohazard Risk Reduction
5. Geoscience Information Management

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All manuscripts shall be submitted to the contact persons of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau and CCOP Technical Secretariat in electronic form, using MS Word software. Illustrations and pictures shall be provided with full captions. The full papers shall not exceed ten (10) A4-size pages, including figures, tables, plates, etc. The manuscripts shall use Times New Roman font, with font size 12 and line spacing of 1.5. For reference, a manuscript template is attached.

To allow ample time for the organizers to finalize the Scientific Programme, the following deadlines are set:

Submission of one-page abstract of paper with title and author - August 31, 2017

Submission of full paper manuscript - September 15, 2017

Submission of poster - September 15, 2017

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