

## **Memorandum of Cooperation**

between

**Indonesian Geoparks Network, Indonesia**

and

**the Australian Geoscience Council Inc, Australia**

**ABN: 47 254 624 341**

We, Indonesian Geoparks Network (IGN) and the Australian Geoscience Council of Australia Inc (AGC) under the auspices of the National Geotourism Strategy, desire to execute a Memorandum of Cooperation to promote better understanding and closer cooperation between the two organisations for the promotion and advancement of geotourism;

The signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation will create a partnering arrangement between the two organisations to develop mutually beneficial geotourism between Indonesia and Australia.

1. We agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Enhancing the level of best practice and sustainable nature-based tourism in Indonesia and Australia constructed on geotourism principles.
- b. Progressing geoconservation and presentation of both natural protected and non-protected areas, geoparks (in Indonesia and in Australia, where approved by governments through the initiation of GeoRegions), national parks and reserves (in Australia), areas on the World Heritage List, as defined in the World Heritage Convention 1972 (both countries), as well as designated non-protected areas subject to existing or post mine-use development.
- c. Exploring opportunities to promote geotourism through mechanisms such as geosites and mining heritage sites, geological time walks and rock gardens, geotrails, and existing or proposed geoparks.
- d. Raising the profile of Indonesia and Australia as world-leading, nature-based tourism destinations.
- e. Improving the quality of geoscience education.
- f. Exploring other collaborative projects such as conferences focused on geopark/geotrail development and geoscience education held in both countries; and
- g. Fostering the development of 'sister' relationships between existing or proposed geoparks and related organisations (such as geoscience professional societies) of Indonesia and Australia, having regard to the following objectives:
  - i. To learn from each other and share information concerning governance 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, data capture, and digital management.
  - iv. To learn from each other and share information on planning and facilities for environmental and geoscience education such as the planning and establishment of youth education camps, field trips, and education courses.
  - v. To encourage personnel training 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.
  - vii. To share information on the management and planning of recreational facilities and nature-based tourism such as tourism destination 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 community groups and sister organisations as geotourism (or where appropriate) geopark advocates.
  - x. To share successful experiences of community involvement and participation of indigenous inhabitants of each country.
- h. Promoting and exchanging trade of geoproducts to sustain local community development between the two countries.

2. To implement this Memorandum of Cooperation, IGN and AGC, each will fund their own activities as deemed appropriate, and seek available grants and other third-party funding opportunities, where available. For the avoidance of doubt, neither party to this Memorandum of Understanding shall have any financial obligation to the other or be bound to any financial obligation by the actions of the other.

3. IGN and AGC 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 their expenses as appropriate.

4. This Memorandum of Cooperation is the basis for the ongoing cooperation between the parties. Neither party intends for this Memorandum of Understanding to be enforceable at law.

5. The addresses to be used to contact each party are the following:

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or other such names and address as may be notified by either party from time to time.

6. This Memorandum of Understanding must be signed 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 organisations will have the right to propose modifications if they consider improving their cooperation. Both parties must approve any such amendments.

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Signed on behalf of IGN  
(Signature)

Mohamad Farid Zaini  
Chairman

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Signed on behalf of AGC  
(Signature)

Kevin Cassidy  
Chair

Date: 25 May 2023