# Editor's Words

The ***First International Symposium on Geology and Geomorphology of Granite—— Sanqing Mountain, China***, sponsored by the Research Society of Tourism Geoscience, Geological Society of China, will be held in Shangrao City, Jiangxi, SE China, in July 24-28$^{th}$ 2006. The symposium attendants will include Chinese and foreign granite experts, geologists, geopark experts, experts on scenic spots and historical sites and tourism experts, as well as representatives from dozens of granite scenic spots of China. The thematic topics of the symposium will be the basic theory on granite geology and geomorphology and construction and management of granite scenic spots.

With an increase in number of scenic spots with granite geomorphological landscape as the theme, granite geomorphological landscapes have become important tourism resources and visitors urgently need to gain knowledge of granite geology and geomorphology during their sightseeing tours and builders of scenic spots are also in urgent need of knowledge of granite geology and geomorphology to develop suitable tourism products to meet the growing demand of visitors. In order to promote research on granite geology and geomorphology and raise the level of construction of granite scenic spots, it is necessary to hold a thematic symposium on granite geology and geomorphology and now it is just the time for such a meeting. Due to great support from various sponsors, it only took us two months to make preparations for the symposium. As far as an international academic meeting goes, the efficiency was high, but as the time was too limited, many Chinese and foreign experts who are interested in the symposium are not able to attend the symposium. Nevertheless, we still have received a few dozen papers owing to our meticulous organization. For the convenience of idea exchange during the symposium, we have compiled proceedings of the symposium for international exchange. The proceedings consist of five parts. Part 1 is concerned with the study of granite geomorphology, in which 17 papers are included, dealing with granite geomorphological types, discussion of their origins and many examples of geological geology in China and abroad. This study sets a good start for the future study of granite geomorphology. Part 2 considers the theory on granite origin, comprising two papers. Though few, they cover the frontier subjects about the study of the origin of granite. Part 3 concerns the study of world heritage applications, including three papers. Centering on the requirements, status and method of world heritage applications, these papers have important reference value for the heritage application work of Sanqing Mountain. Part 4 deals with geoparks and development and management of granite scenic spots, including three papers. Dr. Eder is one of the founders of world geoparks. His paper plays an important role in guiding the construction of geoparks, while the other two papers are very helpful to the tourism planning and management of granite scenic spots. Part 5 is relevant to the fundamental knowledge of granite (a lecture). It is high-level lecture notes that Prof. Luo Zhaohua dashed off the same night as I wrote this editor's words. The paper may be a bit difficult for managers from granite scenic spots, but after all it concerns the basic theoretical knowledge of granite. I suggest that all of us should read it seriously because we will certainly benefit from it after reading. Meanwhile I also suggest that Dr. Luo could write a popular draft in the future. I am grateful to Xing Ruiling, senior researcher of the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, for assistance with the compilation.

Here I would like to make an explanation. This volume was compiled only for idea exchange during the symposium, and after the symposium the authors may revise or supplement their papers according to the results of the discussion and then formal proceedings will be published.

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