

Efforts underway to make Lipis a Unesco global geo-park

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KUANTAN: The Lipis district has to first obtain recognition as a National Geopark before it can qualify as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) global geo-park.

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"The Lipis global geo-park has been included as part of the Lipis District Local Plan 2020 and several high-impact projects will be included as part of the Pahang State Structure Plan 2050.

"The proposed infrastructure projects will be among the important components to develop Lipis's Unesco geo-park.

"The Pahang government, through the Pahang State Parks Corporation, has held discussions with the Mineral and Geoscience Department, National Geopark Committee and all the stakeholders to set up the Lipis Geopark Development Committee.

"The committee will be responsible for the development, research, rehabilitation, promotion and preparation of documents to achieve the target as a Unesco global geo-park," he said at the Pahang state assembly here today.

Sharkar was replying to a question from Datuk Mustapa Long (BN-Padang Tengku) on initiatives taken by the Pahang government to help the Lipis district meet the requirements to become a Unesco global geo-park.

Meanwhile, Sharkar said the Pahang government will launch an event related to the Lipis geo-park this month to show the state government's commitment in ensuring the Lipis district receives the recognition as a Unesco global geo-park.

In June, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail was reported as saying that the Pahang government had targeted the Lipis district to be recognised as a Unesco global geo-park.

He said besides being famous as a heritage city, the other uniqueness of the district was the presence of Devon-Permian rocks in Pos Betau, that had its origins from 420 to 270 million years ago, which proved the collision of two tectonic plates that formed Peninsular Malaysia.