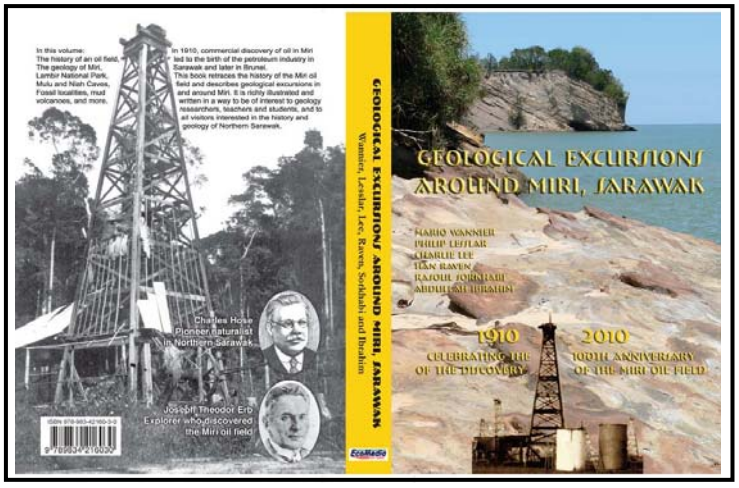
Book Review

Geological Excursions Around Miri, Sarawak

1910-2010 Celebrating The 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of The Miri Oil Field

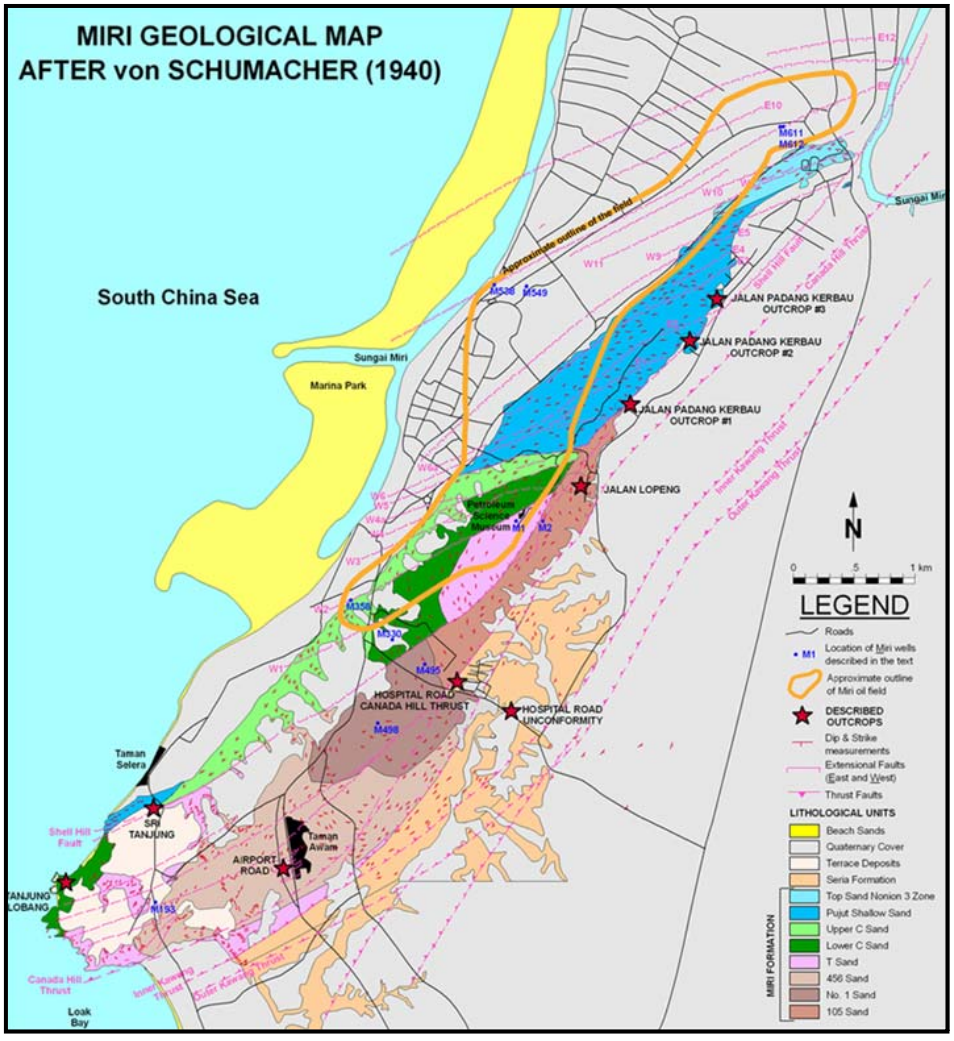


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To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Miri Oil field discovery in Sarawak, Malaysia (NW Borneo), a book titled "Geological Excursions Around Miri, Sarawak" has been published this year. Wannier et al has prepared an A5 size book with ± 280 pages, divided into 5 main chapters.

The first chapter titled "Miri and the birth of the Oil Industry in Malaysia" provides a historical and industry overview. In this chapter the authors also explain the contribution of the pioneers on the discovery of Miri Field such as Charles Hose (1863–1929), Joseph Theodor Erb (1874–1934) and others. The history of Miri Field production is discussed and the authors also explain the impact of the 2nd World War on the production and the final years of the field.



Chapter 3 includes Mulu National Park, Mud Volcanoes and some outcrops in Brunei. The outcrop descriptions include detailed maps, stratigraphic sections and color photos of outcrops.

Chapter 4 is dedicated to fossil collectors and those who are interested in fossils. This chapter starts with an introduction to fossils. The rest of the chapter discusses the types of fossils found in different places in the area. Fossils described in this book include microfossils such as foraminifera, nannoplankton, pollen, trace fossils, crabs and mollusks, and tektites in Brunei.

Wannier *et al.* explain their efforts and ideas in preserving the geological

heritage in this area in Chapter 5, and describe the collaboration with local government in setting up open air museums of outcrops and preparing brochures related to outcrops for non geologists.

The book is completed with a Glossary of Geological Terms (Chapter 6) and References and Bibliography (Chapter 7). This book on the geological excursions around Miri will be available in June 2011 and can be purchased from:

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As this is the only published excursion guide book for Miri, it is a 'must have' for geological field trip participants. With the content and quality of pictures, the price of the book is very reasonable. Unfortunately the coordinate of the locations are not stated in the book. However the roads in this area are easy to be recognized.

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