



Geological wonder: The 280-million-year-old rock at The Haven Lakeside Residences, Ipoh, which has been named 'Rockhaven'.

Rock finally gets a name

Geological wonder now called Rockhaven

IPOH: A 280-million-year-old, 14-storey-high rock in Tambun is finally getting the attention it deserves.

The geological wonder is one of only four such formations in the world: the others are located in Guilin, China; Halong Bay, Vietnam; and Phuket, Thailand.

"Perakians should be very proud of the fact that you have such a rare species of geology in your own backyard," said Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) Shell Chair in Petroleum Geosciences Prof Dr Bernard Pierson, who dated the rock.

The rock came to public attention after luxury condominium project The Haven Lakeside Residences was launched here last year.

It has been named "Rockhaven" in the "Name the Rock" contest organised by

Superboom Projects Sdn Bhd, developers of The Haven.

Its chief executive officer Peter Chan said the winning name, submitted by teacher Lydia Teh, was selected for its simplicity and the fact that it would be immediately associated with The Haven.

"The contest was inspired by the rare geological find that the rock represents," he said.

"Every effort is being made to ensure that the natural state of the site and its surrounding areas are carefully preserved.

"The rock and the pristine lake in which it rests will be left untouched so that our residents can enjoy them in their natural state."

Teh, a Cambridge English for Life Centre manager from Kuala Lumpur, picked up RM25,000 for her winning entry.