Geologists focus on Tablelands tin history

The Tablelands' geological and historical tin and tungsten deposits attracted about 100 academics, researchers and scientists from around the world. They came from China, Canada, United States and Germany, as well as from around Australia, for the two-day Tin, Tungsten, Critical Metals and Associated Magnetic Systems Conference.

Hosted by James Cook University’s Economic Geology Research Centre (EGRCU) in Townsville, the conference was held at Thamar Resort and included field trips to Herberton's old Great Northern mine site as well as Chiquitos' tungsten deposits on the Kin Kora Heritage Tin Mining Museum and Visitor Information Centre volunteers greeted the delegates on Wednesday.

Consulting geologist Roger Taylor, right of Launicee, looks over the rocks from his former collection which have been on display at the Herberton Mining Museum for about five years. All mineral samples from the Herberton and Irwinbank area while researching for James Cook University.

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