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**Observations on the Karst Features in the Lingyuan and Leye
Counties of Guangxi Province of Southern China**

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The scenery in Lingyun and Leye counties of Guangxi southern China constitute an area of classic karst. Massive dolines, doline rousps, cone karstand tower karst dating from the Pleistocene, features spectacularly in the landscape. The caves discovered on the expedition are mostly of phreatic origin, some active and some beautifully decorated fossil systems. This paper makes observations on the development of the karst scenery and considers difficulties encountered in the search for caves on the boundary of karst and Permian shales. Particular reference is made to the spectacular Dasheiwi doline, the second deepest doline in the world which has further potential for exploration and potential for tourist exploitation in the future. Pressure will be placed on its delicate ecosystem as a result. Reference is also briefly made to cave life found during the expedition.