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We would like to bring to your attention a new book that will be of interest to readers of *R N / U* who are concerned about sustainable development. We believe the book will interest readers of ~3~ because it contains several contributions from Mexican researchers. I have attached cover art. If you would like more information on the book, please let us know.

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Tourism in natural protected areas in Mexico

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The Sustainable City VIII: Urban Regeneration and Sustainability

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The conference was made possible through the generosity of Putrajaya Holdings (PJH), the master developer of the city. PJH was given the initial mandate of designing and developing the comprehensive masterplan. The City is now in the third decade of its realization with sustainable initiatives being the top priority in its development agenda. PJH as the master developer and a socially responsible corporation has always been a key player in establishing Sustainable Green Development. This has been achieved via the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) platform for the construction industry as well as by the sharing and transferring of knowledge with diverse higher educational institutions in Malaysia. The Conference was organized to address a wide range of numerous pressing global issues. The meeting created awareness and a mechanism to share relevant research in ecologically sustainable strategies, new business models, advanced production systems, materials and process and other topics that have a positive impact on society and help to prevent the excesses of unrestrained development.

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