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- I will attend the conference  
 I wish to present a paper(s)  
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 I wish to participate in the conference tour

Title of Paper/Poster:

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#### ACCOMODATION

Participants can book the hotel on their own or any other hotel in Kuantan, Pahang as below:

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#### SOIL & AGRICULTURAL TOUR:

A one and half day tour will be organized for interested participants on 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> April (Thursday and half day of Friday) to visit the IMPHOS research site and to describe common tropical soils at MARDI research stations in the vicinity of Kuantan. Reservation for the tour is on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The conference tour fees:

Local participant                      RM 300  
International                              USD 100

The fee will cover tour bulletin, transport (ex-Kuantan) and meals (during the field tour).

#### EXHIBITIONS:

An exhibition featuring latest products, and related technologies related to sustainable fertilizer management like fertilizer products, laboratory instruments, facilities and scientific equipments will be held. Research institutions, universities and fertilizer industries are invited to participate. Please contact the secretariat for details.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BALANCED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT FOR TROPICAL AGRICULTURE

12-16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010  
SWISS GARDEN RESORT & SPA,  
KUANTAN, PAHANG  
MALAYSIA

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## BACKGROUND

Balanced plant nutrition is an integrated approach to meet the nutritional needs of the crop throughout its life-cycle. In the current scenario of high input costs for agriculture production, issues on methods of achieving balance between the nutrient requirements of plants and the nutrient reserves in soils for maintaining high yields and soil fertility, preventing environmental contamination and degradation, and sustaining agricultural production over the long term will have to be discussed. Thus this conference will be a platform for interested stakeholders to present their latest R&D findings, innovations and ideas on issues on balanced nutrients for tropical agriculture. The agenda will encompass issues on sustainable nutrient management for crop production, environmental management, and socio-economic issues.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Academicians, researchers and agronomists
- Policy makers
- Private sector companies
- Agriculture consultants/advisors
- Individuals involved in agriculture resource management, land-use planning and development, plantation management and environmental policy

## OBJECTIVES

- To explore, exchange and update scientific and technological findings and information related to fertilizer use in the tropics.
- To provide a forum for researchers, practitioners and stakeholders of tropical agriculture to present their findings, state-of-the-art technologies, products and services.

## TOPIC/SCOPE

- Fertilizers and their management,
- Balanced nutrient in crop production,
- Water use and management, and
- Environmental awareness and education.

## PLANERY AND INVITED PAPERS

Two planery papers will be presented on the first and second day of the conference. One speaker will be from FAO (Dr. J. Poulisse) and one from the local oil palm industry. Five sessions have been planned and each session preceded by a keynote paper. The keynote papers are:

- Managing phosphorus in acid soils (M.M. Hanafi, Malaysia)
- Efficiency of phosphorus fertilizer use-implications for sustainable nutrient management (J.K. Syers et al., Thailand)
- Nutrient management in Indian agriculture: issues and strategies (R.K. Tewatia, India)
- IMPHOS/NFDC Experience on balanced fertilization at farm level in Pakistan (A. Nissar, Pakistan)
- Fertilizer management for improving paddy rice soil productivity in Indonesia (Sri Rochayati and Husnain, Indonesia)

## Instructions to authors:

Please prepare write up in English and using Microsoft Word Times New Roman font

- Title: Bold, 12 pt upper case letters
- Author's address: 11 pt, no abbreviation, if more than one author, indicate address of each author numerically in superscript and include the e-mail address of the corresponding author(s).
- Text : 11 pt, should include introduction, methodology, results & discussion, conclusion and references, double spacing, not more than 10 pages. Scientific names should be italicized. Use standard symbols for measurements and the International System for references. Include not more than 5 keywords.
- Posters: should be prepared using A1 size

## REGISTRATION FEE

Conference fee, which covers program book, abstracts, proceeding and a conference kit is as follows:

Normal	RM 1000
MSSS Member	RM 800
Students	RM 500
International	USD 500

(Prove of students' status is required)

Payment should be made to:  
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