

OPENING CEREMONY OF ASIAN WETLAND SYMPOSIUM- SABAH 2011

Date : 18th July 2011
Venue : The Magellan Sutera Resort,
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

<u>Time</u>	<u>Programme</u>
07.00 am	: Arrival of committee members
07.30 am	: Registration of participants
08.30 am	: Arrival of invited guests
08.50 am	: Arrival of the Honourable Tan Sri Joseph Kurup Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia
09.00 am	: Arrival of the Right Honourable Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Hj. Aman, Chief Minister of Sabah
09.05 am	: Speech by the Honourable Datuk Sukarti Wakiman, Sabah State Secretary, the Organising Committee Chairman
09.15 am	: Message by Professor Motokazu Ando President of the Ramsar Center Japan
09.25 am	: Speech and official launching by the Guest of Honour, the Right Honourable Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Hj. Aman, Chief Minister of Sabah
-	: Presentation of memento to the Guest of Honour
-	: Special performance by children from Tanak Wetland Camp
-	: Booths visit by the Guest of Honour
10.30 am	: Refreshment
10.45 am	: Press conference
11.00 am	: Keynote address by Mr. Anada Tiega Secretary General, Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention
11.15 am	: Keynote address by Mr. Natarajan Ishwaran Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO Secretary, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme
11.30 am	: Keynote address by Mr. Sarat Babu Gidda Programme Officer Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
11.45 am	: Keynote address by Mr. Mahendra Joshi Senior Programme Officer Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests
12.00 pm	: Special presentation by Mr. Naotake Okubo Chairman Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation, Japan
12.25 pm	: Speech by Mr. Ma Guangren Director of Wetland Conservation Centre State Forestry Administration People Republic of China
12.30 pm	: Programme ends and lunch

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18th July 2011	DAY 1	
07.30 am – 12.30 pm	Registration and opening ceremony	
12.30 pm	Lunch break	
	Concurrent session 1: Ramsar and CBD Session leader: Dr. Abdul Fatah Amir	Concurrent session 5: CEPA for Wetlands and Biodiversity Session leader: Mr. Vitalis Moduying, Ms. Susan Pudin
02.00 pm	Brief introduction	Brief introduction
02.05 pm	Paper 1: Bridging Climate Change with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the Convention on Biological Diversity by Ambassador Amado Tolentino (Philippines)	Paper 1: Communicating the Importance of Biological Diversity: Are We Doing It Right? by Dr. Balamurugan Gurusamy (Malaysia)
02.20 pm	Paper 2: Interfacing the Climate Policy to the Biodiversity Conservation: Wetland Management and the Ecosystem Approach by Mr. Tsutomu Furukawa (Japan)	Paper 2: Citizens Guide Citizens in Wetlands -Wetland Guide Chiba by Mr. Hitoshi Akutsu (Japan)
02.35 pm	Paper 3: Conservation of Globally Significant Biodiversity of an Ecologically Critical Island, Bangladesh - An Example of Effective Community Participation by Dr. Tapan Kumal Ghosal (Bangladesh)	Paper 3: Field Assistant Network -20 Years of Students' Activities Suggest a Unique Model of CEPA by Mr. Keisuke Hasegawa (Japan)
02.50 pm	Paper 4: Policy Decisions and Their Consequences: The Bundala Wetland Case Study, Sri Lanka by Ms. Nishanti Perera (Sri Lanka)	Paper 4: KODOMO Biodiversity: Children's Participation in Effective Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity by Ms. Tomoko Ichikawa (Japan)
03.05 pm	Paper 5: Impact of Climate Change on the Biodiversity of Chilika Lagoon (Ramsar Site), India by Dr. Jnanendra Rath (India)	Paper 5: Environmental Education through CEAE is a Model to Enhance the Level of Awareness among the Stakeholders of Chilika Lagoon by Mr. Durga Prasad Dash (India)
03.20 pm	Question and Answer	Question and Answer
03.35 pm	Paper 6: The International Conventions of Wetlands and Their Roles in Integrating Biodiversity Conservation of Wetlands in Malaysia by Mrs. Irini Ibrahim (Malaysia)	Paper 6: Wetland Awareness and Ecotourism Possibilities Using Wetlands in Geongnam Province (South Korea) by Mr. Yuno Do (Republic of Korea)

03.50 pm	Paper 7: Wise use of Algae of East Calcutta Wetland (Ramsar Site) as a Candidate for Resource Recovery Systems Leading to the Livelihood of Stakeholders of East Calcutta Wetland by Ms. Sikha Mandal (India)	Paper 7: Furthering CEPA: Applying Principles of Deliberative Democratic Practices for the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Heavily Used Vembanad Backwaters of Kerala by Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan (India)
04.05 pm	Paper 8: Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment of Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, Cagayancillo, Palawan, Philippines by Ms. Maria Retchie Pagliawan (Philippines)	Paper 8: Enhancing the Conservation of Black-necked Crane through Community Involvement and Poverty Reduction by Ms. Chen Jing (China)
04.20 pm	Paper 9: JICA's Assistance to Strengthen a Coordinated Decision-making Mechanism as an Institutional Framework for Advancing Practical Implementation of the CBD, Ramsar & MAB in Sabah, Malaysia by Mr. Motohiro Hasegawa (Japan)	Questions and answers
04.35 pm	Questions and answers	
04.50 pm	Announcement	Announcement
05.00 pm	Session ends	
	Welcoming dinner hosted by Sabah State Government at Grand Ballroom, The Pacific Sutera Hotel	
06.30 pm	Arrival of committee members and participants	
06.40 pm	Arrival of invited guests and VIPs	
07.00 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour, the Right Honourable Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Hj. Aman, Chief Minister of Sabah	
07.05 pm	Video presentation on Sabah - dinner starts	
07.25 pm	Video presentation on Tanak Wetland Camp	
08.00 pm	Cultural show	
09.30 pm	Dinner ends	

19th July 2011	DAY 2
	Morning walk at Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre
06.15-06.50 am	Pick up from respective hotels
07.00 am	Arrival of SWCS member, Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention, JICA delegates and invited guests
07.05 am	Welcoming address by Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention

-	Short address by JICA delegate	
07.25 am	Official launching of Ramsar Exhibition Panel and photo taking session	
07.35 am	Light refreshment	
07.45 am	Guided Tour through board walk	
08.15 am	Departure for the Magellan Sutera Resort	
08.45 am	Bus arrives at the Magellan Sutera Resort	
09.00 am	Announcement on the programme and breakout session	
09.05 am	Plenary session: Summary report from Session 1& 5	
09.20 am	Learning plenary session: Business and Biodiversity for Wetland Conservation Investing in Wetland Conservation: Economic, Financial and Business Approaches by Ms. Lucy Emerton (Sri Lanka)	
09.35 am	Learning plenary session: Cultural Heritage in Forests and Wetlands Values of Cultural Heritage to the Management and Wise Use of Wetlands by Dr. Bishnu B. Bhandari (Nepal)	
	Concurrent session 4: Business & Biodiversity for Wetland Conservation Session leader: Mr. Augustine Tuuga	Concurrent session 6: Cultural Heritage in Forests and Wetlands Session leader: Dr. Jamili Nais
09.50 am	Paper 1: Management of Wetland Protected Area for Wildlife Conservation in Sabah by Dr. Laurentius N. Ambu (Malaysia)	Paper 1: Integrating Local and Indigenous Knowledge for Conservation of Forests and Wetlands by Dr. Lisa Hiwasaki (Indonesia)
10.05 am	Paper 2: Wise Use of South Kalimantan Wetland: Spatial Delineation and Regional Economy Model Approach by Mr. Yus Budiyono (Indonesia)	Paper 2: A Biocultural Heritage Conservation in Ulu Papar, Sabah: the Importance of Culture the Crocker Range Biosphere Reserve Nomination by Dr. Agnes Lee Agama (Malaysia)
10.20 am	Paper 3: Ecotourism: Business for Wetland and Biodiversity Conservation by Ms. Ana Maria Tolentino (Philippines)	Paper 3: Cultural Heritage in Riverine Seasonally Inundated Forests and Wetland Conservation in Thailand by Dr. Sansanee Choowaew (Thailand)
10.35 am	Questions and answers	Questions and answers
10.45 am	Paper 4: Economic Values of Biodiversity Related with Biodiversity Offsets, REDD+, and PES by Prof. Mikihiko Watanabe (Japan)	Paper 4: On the Creation of an Inventory on the Wetland Culture and Technologies in Japan by Prof. Koichi Sasagawa (Japan)
11.00 am	Paper 5: SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO., LTD Activities for the Promotion of Consideration of Biodiversity by Mr. James McGill (Japan)	Paper 5: Birds of Traditional Malaysian Landscape in Northern Peninsular Malaysia by Ms. Nur Munira Azman (Malaysia)

11.15 am	Paper 6: Zero Discharge from Palm Oil Mills for the Biodiversity Conservation around the Kinabatangan by Prof. Dr. Yoshihito Shirai (Japan)	Paper 6: Use of Wetland Artifacts as Wetland Educational Tools in NE Asia by Mr. Hogyeum Joo (Korea)
11.30 am	Paper 7: Some Approaches on the Conservation and Enhancement of Biodiversity in the Oil Palm Plantations in Sabah by Mr. Hoong Hak Wan (Malaysia)	Paper 7: Local Ecological Knowledge in the Proposed Tun Mustapha Park, a Priority Conservation Area of the Coral Triangle: Sabah, Malaysia by Mr. Kenneth Kassem (Malaysia)
11.45 am	Questions and answers	Questions and answers
12.00 pm	Poster session	
01.00 pm	Lunch break	
02.00 pm	Announcement of timing and breakout session	
02.05 pm	Plenary session: Summary report from Session 4 & 6	
	Concurrent session 2: Regional Approach to Advance the Implementation of Ramsar & CBD Session leader: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid Ahmad	Concurrent session 3: Forests and Wetlands Session leader: Mr. Frederick Kugan
02.20 pm	Brief introduction	Brief introduction
02.25 pm	Paper 1: Himalayan Wetland Inventory: A Tool to Understand Wetland Ecosystem at Basin Level by Dr. Bishnu B. Bhandari (Nepal)	Paper 1: Rehabilitation of Wetlands through Low-cost Community-based Management: Case Studies from Australia by Dr. Damien Burrows (Australia)
02.40 pm	Paper 2: North-Central Selangor Coast and Bako-Buntal Bay: Conserving Potential Flyway Sites in Malaysia by Mr. Yeap Chin Aik (Malaysia)	Paper 2: The Restoration of the Chilika Lake, a Coastal Wetland in India: The Achievement of Combined Integrated Water Resources Management and Local Governance through Enhanced Community Participation by Dr. Ajit Kumar Pattnaik (India)
02.55 pm	Paper 3: Global Warming, Rising Sea Levels and Mosquito Vector Control in Coastal Wetlands of Southeast Asia by Prof. Ranjan Ramasamy (Brunei)	Paper 3: The Challenges of Mangrove Forest Conservation and Rehabilitation in Sabah, Malaysia by Mr. Joseph Tangah (Malaysia)
03.10 pm	Paper 4: Third Country Training Programme under Bornean Biodiversity and Ecosystems Conservation Programme Phase II- An Example of Regional Approaches to Advance the Implementation of the Ramsar and CBD by Mr. Naoto Sakonju (Japan)	Paper 4: Incorporation of Climate Change Adaptation for the Betterment of Wetlands in Bangladesh by Mr. Sanowar Hossain (Bangladesh)

03.25 pm	Paper 5: Ramsar Convention, Rice Production and the Need for Wetland Conservation: New Concerns about Pesticides by Prof. George Paul Lukacs (Australia)	Paper 5: Linking Forests and Fisheries: Fishers-based Forest Conservation in Saroma Lake, Japan by Dr. Shimpei Iwasaki (Japan)
03.40 pm	Questions and answers	Questions and answers
03.55 pm	Paper 6: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Mekong-Chao Phraya Region- Basic Study on the Aquatic Fauna and Flora and Conservation Activities by Local Stakeholders- by Mr. Yoshihiro Natori (Japan)	Paper 6: Ecological Status of Mangrove Forest for Conservation Planning and Management in Quezon, Palawan, Philippines by Mrs. Eunice Mora Becira (Philippines)
04.10 pm	Paper 7: Mangroves Restoration in Kaohsiung Jhong-Dou Wetland Park, Taiwan by Mr. Lai Jung Yi (Taiwan)	Paper 7: Uncertainty in ‘Evidence-based’ Policy- A Strategy to Improve Baselines for Mangrove Conservation by Dr. Daniel Friess (Singapore)
04.25 pm	Paper 8: The Effect of Coastal Erosion on Growth of Mangrove Vegetation at Tg. Piai, Johor, Malaysia by Prof. Maryati Mohamed (Malaysia)	Paper 8: Canopy Gaps and the Regeneration of Mangrove Forests by Mr. A. Aldrie Amir (Malaysia)
04.40 pm	Paper 9: Site-specific Education Collaborating with Ecological Research Network in Upo Wetlands: Korean National Long-term Ecological Research by Mr. Ji Yoon Kim (South Korea)	Paper 9: Water Quality in Low-lying Areas of Vembanad Wetlands and Use of Low Cost Purification Strategies by Dr. Joseph Sebastian Paimpillil (India)
04.55 pm	Questions and answers	Questions and answers
05.10 pm	Session ends	
	Dinner hosted by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia at Marina and Country Club	
06.30 pm	Arrival of committee members and participants	
06.40 pm	Arrival of invited guest and VIPs	
07.00 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour, the Honourable Dato’ Sri Douglas Uggah Embas, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Malaysia	
07.05 pm	Speech by Guest of Honour, the Right Honourable Dato’ Sri Douglas Uggah Embas	
07.15 pm	Video presentation on Sabah – dinner starts	
09.00 pm	Dinner ends	

20 th July 2011	DAY 3
	Morning Walk at Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre
06.15 – 06.50 am	Pick up from respective hotels
07.00 am	Arrival at Kota Kinabalu Wetland Centre
07.05 am	Guided Tour through board walk
08.15 am	Departure for the Magellan Sutera Resort
08.45 am	Bus arrives at the Magellan Sutera Resort
09.00 am	Announcement of the programme for day 3
09.05 am	Plenary session: Summary report from session 2 & 3
09.20 am	Discussion on the draft of the symposium declaration
10.30 am	Refreshment
10.45 am	Discussion on the draft of the symposium declaration
12.30 pm	Lunch Break
	Plenary session: Special presentation by Sabah Session Session leader: Mr. Yap Siew Fah
02.00 pm	Brief introduction by Session Leader on Sabah Session
02.05 pm	Paper 1: Eco-tourism of Sabah presentation by Mr. Allen Chia (Sabah Tourism Board)
02.20 pm	Paper 2: The Success of “Sabah Tagal System” (Co-Management) in Reviving and Conserving Many of the Depleted Fisheries Resources in Sabah, Malaysia by Mr. Jephrein Zefrinus Wong (Department of Fisheries, Sabah)
02.35 pm	Paper 3: WWF-Malaysia’s Kinabatangan Corridor of Life Project by Dr. Rahimatsah Amat (WWF Malaysia)
02.50 pm	Paper 4: Wetlands Conservation through Education and Restoration by Ms. Lee Kah Han (Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society)
03.05 pm	Paper 5: Conserving of Peat Swamp Forest in Sabah by Mr. Christopher Matunjau (Sabah Forestry Department)
03.20 pm	Paper 6: Marine Parks of Sabah by Mr. Fazrullah Rizally bin Hj. Abdul Razak (Sabah Parks)
03.35 pm	Paper 7: Wetland Education and Outreach -The Sabah Forestry Department’s Experience by Mr. G. Hubert Petol (Sabah Forestry Department)
03.50 pm	Plenary session: Adoption of the symposium declaration
04.05 pm	Refreshment
04.20 pm	Closing Ceremony
-	Speech by Mr. Tsutomu Nagae, Chief Representative, JICA Malaysia Office
-	Closing speech by the Honourable Datuk Sukarti Wakiman, the State Secretary of Sabah
05.00 pm	Press conference and session ends

21th July 2011	DAY 4 : Excursion to Klias-Gerama Wetland
01.00 – 02.00 pm	Pick up from respective hotels
02.00 pm	Bus departs from Kota Kinabalu to Klias-Gerama, Beaufort
04.00 pm	Expected arrival time to the village rest house Welcome drink of fresh coconut juice, coffee and tea with local cakes
04.30 pm	Sago making demonstration by local villagers. The Sago Palm tree is adopted well to freshwater swamp and significant to the local community of western part of Sabah. Entourage may take the opportunity to taste the Sago products such as food called “Ambuyat” and other delicacies made from Sago
05.00 pm	Depart for Klias-Gerama river cruise to see the riverine, mangrove forest and wildlife. Entourage may see wildlife such as Proboscis Monkey, birds, Monitor Lizard, Silver Leaf Langur, Long Tail Macaque, however it depends on weather and luck
06.30 pm	Return back to village rest house. The entourage may see firefly during cruising back to village rest house
07.30 pm	Dinner at village rest house
08.30 pm	Depart to Kota Kinabalu
10.30 pm	Expected arrival time to hotel, Kota Kinabalu