

BACKGROUND

Urbanization in Asia has been growing at a rapid rate and is expected to accelerate in the future. It is forecasted that 17 out of 27 world's largest mega-cities will be in Asia by 2015. The fast rate of urbanization have resulted in various problems of traffic congestion, overcrowding, shortage of affordable housing, environmental degradation, flash floods, waste disposal, stress-related diseases and the increased demand for more and better urban services.

Sustainable development has dominated discussion in international and national fora. Balancing development and preserving the environment is crucial for sustainable development especially in big cities where land areas are scarce and population is dense. This conference hopes to address the challenges in urban development and conservation of natural resources.

Many cities within the region are with different urban development phases and experiences. Experiences, lessons learnt and sound urban development programmes should be shared among countries. The conference will provide opportunities for collaborations and information sharing on urban forest and park development. The conference is organized with the following themes:

- Theme 1 – Challenges in Sustainable Urban Development
- Theme 2 – Best Practices for Urban Forest & Park Management
- Theme 3 – Communications in Urban Forestry & Park Management
- Theme 4 – Conservation of Natural Resources in Urban Development
- Theme 5 – Improving Quality of Life through Parks and Urban Forests Establishment

OBJECTIVES

1. To review the progress and status of urban and peri-urban forest development in the region.
2. To exchange information, ideas and to learn from each other about urban forest and park management.
3. To establish networking among participants from different countries for possible collaboration in future urban forest and park management projects.

PARTICIPANTS

Decision makers, urban managers, urban planners, landscape architects, urban foresters, park managers, arborists, landscape and tree care contractors, academicians, NGOs, stakeholders and those interested in urban greening activities.

PROGRAMME

The programme includes keynote addresses and oral presentations. Presentations from various aspects of urban forest and park management will be the highlight of the programme. Field trips will be organized on the 19th November 2009.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English.

REGISTRATION FEE

The conference fee covers a full set of papers/proceedings, tea/coffee breaks, lunches, conference bag and excursion, is as follows:

- Local – RM 750
Student – RM 350 (excluding excursion & conference kits)
- International - USD 300

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will comprise oral and poster presentations. Those interested in presenting papers or posters should note the following dates:

30 August 2009	Submission of abstracts
15 September 2009	Notification of accepted papers
15 October 2009	Submission of full papers

Please submit abstracts and full papers via email as an attached word document to the secretariat at sreetheran@frim.gov.my

Important instructions

- Please prepare in Microsoft Word in Times New Roman font
- Title – bold, 14 pt and in upper case letters
- Author's name(s) – bold and 12 pt
- Author's address (es) – 10 pt, no abbreviation, if more than one author, please indicate address of each author numerically in superscript. Include fax numbers(s) and e-mail address (es)
- Text of abstract – 10 pt, no abbreviations, no references, one paragraph, no more than 250 words long. Plants names should be in italics or underlined. Use standard symbols for measurement and the International System (S.I.) for units.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: (Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms)

Organization:

Postal Address:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

• Status of participation: (Please tick)

o Presenter o Participant

• Dietary requirement:

o Vegetarian o Non-vegetarian

The registration fee of RM/USD
..... is enclosed.

MODE OF PAYMENT

Payment of registration fee should be made either by cheque or postal order (local participants only) or banker's draft. For outstation cheques, please include inland exchange commission. Cheques should be made payable to Director General FRIM.

Registration fee of RM/USD.....is enclosed in the cheque/postal order/ banker's draft No.....

CORRESPONDENCE

Please return the enclosed registration form by post or fax to:

SECRETARIAT

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Late Cancellation

50% surcharge will be imposed for late cancellation after 1 November 2009

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