

# **XLIV APCC COCOTECH MEETING AND COCONUT FESTIVAL 5 - 9 JULY 2010 IN SAMUI ISLAND, THAILAND**

## **INFORMATION SHEET FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY/OFFICIAL DELEGATES, OBSERVERS, AND PARTICIPANTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

### **1. Dates & Venue:**

The XLIV APCC COCOTECH Meeting and Coconut Festival will be held on 5 – 9 July 2010 at **The Imperial Boat House Resort and Spa Hotel**, 83 Moo 5, Choeng Mon Beach, Samui Island, Surat Thani 84320, Thailand.

### **2. Organization of the Meeting:**

The XLIV APCC COCOTECH Meeting and Coconut Festival 2010 will be organized by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) and the Government of Thailand, through the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Department of Tourism. The host facilities for the Meeting will be arranged by the Government of Thailand.

### **3. Theme and Scope of the XLIV COCOTECH Meeting:**

The theme of the XLIV APCC COCOTECH Meeting and Coconut Festival for CY 2010 is **“New Technological Developments for a Sustainable and Competitive Coconut Industry”**. This meeting will cover new technological developments on coconut production particularly planting and replanting systems, varietal improvement, use of selected local elite planting materials and hybrids, coconut-based farming systems, integrated pest and disease management, post harvest processing, and technology updates in the manufacture of emerging coconut products for the domestic/export market, maximum utilization of energy efficient systems as well as cost effective technologies on integrated coconut processing, and marketing strategies.

Issues and topics which are related to the global financial crisis, climate change as well as the carbon credit market will also be discussed in the XLIV APCC COCOTECH Meeting. Experts from the scientific field and from the private sector will be invited as resource speakers.

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7. **Registration Fee :**

The meeting is open to public participation. The registration fees are based on the following categories:

- 1) **US\$200** for government sector participants from APCC member countries,
- 2) **US\$300** for non-government sector participants from APCC member countries,
- 3) **US\$400** for government sector participants from non-APCC member countries, and
- 4) **US\$500** for non-government sector participants from non-APCC member countries.

Early bird registration discounts:

- On or before 30 April 2010 --- 30 %
- On or before 31 May 2010 --- 20%
- On or before 15 June 2010 --- 10%

An administration fee of 25% of the amount paid will be charged upon cancellation.

All registered participants shall be provided with an I.D. card which should be worn throughout the duration of the Conference. Payment of the registration fee will entitle the participant to all luncheons and A.M. and P.M. snacks during the 5-day Conference plus 3 dinners as indicated in the Programme. The registration fee will also cover participation in the field trip and electronic copy of conference materials.

The registration fee is payable to the "Asian and Pacific Coconut Community" by **Telegraphic Transfer to CITIBANK**, Landmark Building, Jl. Jend. Sudirman, Jakarta, Indonesia, **A/C No.: 0-500093-528**. It may also be done by **Cash, draft cheque** or by **American Express Card**. If you use American Express Card, please indicate the cardholder name, card number, issuer bank, expiry date, signature and card ID (4 digits) and send it to APCC Secretariat by fax or email. All payment shall be made on net basis (Full Amount), clear of any commission, bank charges and any other charges.

For on the Spot Registration, the payment of registration fee shall be made in cash only.

## 8. Registration Form

Please see attached copy of the Registration Form. Kindly fill up the registration form and send to the APCC Secretariat by fax at 62-21-5221714 or e-mail at [apcc@indo.net.id](mailto:apcc@indo.net.id).

## 9. Program

The XLIV APCC COCOTECH Meeting and Coconut Festival for CY 2010 is organized for 5 (five) days i.e.: 4 (four) days meeting and one day field trip. The detailed program will be distributed in due course. An exhibition of coconut products and posters will also be organized for the benefit of the delegates.

## 10. Hotel Accommodation:

All participants, resource speakers, and official delegates will be reserved a room at the hotel where the meeting will be held. The room rates including breakfast and Government Tax are:

Room Type	Single or Double
Superior	US\$ 70
Premier	US\$ 85

Payment can be made by cash, AMEX, VISA, MASTER, and DINERS cards.

It is highly encouraged that all participants make their room reservations at the hotel-venue of the COCOTECH Meeting to avail of the corporate room rate and to facilitate logistical arrangements. Request for hotel-room reservation can be done by e-mail to the APCC Secretariat and copy furnished to Mrs. Peyanoot Naka at [peyanoot@hotmail.com](mailto:peyanoot@hotmail.com) and the hotel manager, Mr. Watana Thanya at [watana@imperialhotels.com](mailto:watana@imperialhotels.com).

## 11. Transport arrangements:

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of Thailand will provide complimentary transport arrangements from Koh Samui International Airport to hotel and vice versa for all participants of the Meeting. Therefore, please send your flight details to the APCC Secretariat by fax at (62-21) 522 1714 or e-mail at [apcc@indo.net.id](mailto:apcc@indo.net.id) as well as to the Ministry of Agriculture by e-mail at [watanayothin@hotmail.com](mailto:watanayothin@hotmail.com), [peyanoot@hotmail.com](mailto:peyanoot@hotmail.com) or by fax at (66) 2561 4667.

## 12. Visa Requirements:

Official delegates and participants from the private sector who hold ASEAN passports (except Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar) will not need visa to enter Thailand for a stay not exceeding 30 days, provided they hold valid tickets for their return journey to the port of origin or next port of destination, and their passport must be valid for a period of at least six (6) months beyond the contemplated period of stay.

Others may obtain their Thailand visa from the Embassy of Thailand in their country of origin or from the nearest Thailand Embassies/Consulates prior to their departure from their respective countries.

In order to get the necessary clearance from the Immigration Department of the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, kindly send to us your passport details (Passport No., Full name

as in passport, Place and Date of Issue, Date of Expiry, Date of Birth, Nationality, etc.) and flight details. **This may be treated as most urgent.**

It is the responsibility of delegates to secure their own visa requirements for transit purposes in Singapore, Hongkong, Australia, New Zealand or other countries, if required.

### **13. Airlines Servicing Koh Samui, Thailand**

The Major Airline in Koh Samui International Airport is Bangkok Airways which flies 11 times daily from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport. Bangkok Airways also flies from/to Kuala Lumpur 3 times a week (Tue/Thurs/Sat), Singapore 4 times (Mon/Wed/Fry/Sun) and Hong Kong 3 times a week (Mon/Wed/Fri).

Thai Airways flies twice daily from Bangkok to Koh Samui.

### **14. Airport Departure Tax**

International Tax (Payable after Check-in): Bath 500 and for Domestic Flight, the airport Tax is Bath 400.

### **15. Currency**

The currency used in Thailand is Thailand Bath Rupiah (THB). The exchange rate against US Dollar is approx US\$ 1 = THB 33.10 as of 15 February 2010.

### **16. Climate**

Thailand's climate is tropical, high in both temperature and humidity and most people find it very pleasant. The average temperature is about 30 degrees Celsius, or 86 degrees Fahrenheit. Koh Samui recognizes 3 season that are dry (December – February), hot (March – August) and rain (September – November). In July, the weather is very sunny and hot. This is a great period to visit the island if you can stand temperatures ranging from 28-35 degrees Celsius at daytime.