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# Announcement

## *Regional Symposium*

### High Value Vegetables in Southeast Asia: Production, Supply and Demand

**24-26 January 2012**

Lotus Hotel  
Pang Suan Kaew  
Chiang Mai, Thailand

Hosted by:

*Thailand Department of Agriculture (DOA)*

*ASEAN-AVRDC Regional Network (AARNET)*

*Vegetable Science International Network (VEGINET)*

*Horticultural Science Society of Thailand*



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## Invitation and message from the chairman of the regional symposium

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing and scientific committees, we would like to invite you to the regional symposium entitled High Value Vegetables in Southeast Asia: Production, Supply and Demand. This meeting will be held at the Pang Suan Kaew, Chiang Mai, Thailand on January 24-26, 2012.

The overall goal of this meeting is to bring together about 300 junior and senior scientists from the international community for a 3-day symposium to promote the sustainability of vegetable production, market access, as well as vegetable consumption for health and vitality, industry profitability and competitiveness, necessary structural changes and the vegetable industry's reputation in the Southeast Asian context. The program includes invited speakers, poster sessions, student/fellow presentations, interactive discussion sessions, and free time for informal interaction with colleagues.

The upcoming symposium will continue the tradition of presenting and discussing the latest advances in the vegetable industry in a wonderful location, with a relaxed and a collegial atmosphere.

Participants who may have special needs are requested to make their requests known to the organizers as soon as possible so that every effort can be made to address these needs. In addition, scientists from any discipline who may have an interest in the topics covered in this symposium are also encouraged to attend to enhance the quality of the discussions and interactions.

This second announcement will provide you with an outline of information, scientific program and important the schedules of the programs under this symposium.

We look forward to seeing you next January in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and thank you in advance for participating and contributing to the success of this event with your scientific contributions.

JIRAKORN KOSAISAWA  
Chairman of the Regional Symposium  
High Value Vegetables in Southeast Asia:  
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# Call for papers

The symposium is aimed to encourage the improvement of the sustainability of vegetable production, market access, promotion of vegetable consumption for health and vitality, industry profitability and competitiveness, structural change, and the vegetable industry's reputation in Southeast Asia.

Prospective participants are invited to submit abstracts for proposed papers on the topics that are consistent with the overall symposium theme and topic areas identified below:

## Session 1: From Seed to Harvest

*Topics:*

- Germplasm
- Vegetable breeding
- Seed and plant health
- Integrated crop management with focus on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)
- Low-input organic vegetable production
- ASEAN indigenous vegetables

## Session 2: From Harvest to Table

*Topics:*

- Vegetable postharvest technologies
- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
- Cold chain management
- Vegetable economics and marketing
- Food safety
- Health and nutrition aspects of vegetables
- Vegetable supply chain

## Session 3: Cross-cutting Issues

*Topics:*

- Contributions of vegetable research and development to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)
- Climate change
- Gender equity
- Ecological sanitation
- Urban and regional planning
- Urban and peri-urban horticulture
- Disaster risk management
- Micro-financing

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### Scientific committee

Chairman:	Narong Chomchalow Surapong Kosiyajinda
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## Symposium information

### Date and venue:

The Regional Symposium on “High Value Vegetables in Southeast Asia: Production, Supply and Demand” will be held from 24-26 January 2012 at the Lotus Hotel Pang Suan Keaw, Chiang Mai, Thailand. The venue is located near the airport and close to the Chiang Mai City Arts & Cultural Center, Wat Chiang Man, and Wat Chedi Luang. Nearby points of interest also include Chiang Mai Rajabhat University and Buak Haad Park.

### Facilities:

The symposium secretariat office will be set up near the main conference room to facilitate and assist delegates and participants during the symposium. Services will be available from 0800 -1700 hrs from 23-26 January 2011.

### Language:

The official language is English. No translation will be available during the symposium.

### Symposium registration:

Registration is required to attend all scientific sessions. The “Registration Form” attached herewith can be submitted by uploading to this link  
<http://www.avrdc.org/index.php?id=737>

### Registration fee :

Registration fees will cover conference bag with CD of abstracts, access to all plenary and poster sessions and parallel working groups, welcome drinks, coffee/tea breaks and lunches.

- US\$ 50 for residents of ASEAN member states as well as members of the organizing institutions
- US\$ 100 for residents from non-ASEAN member states

The registration fee must be submitted on or before **30 November 2011**.

### Payment options:

1. **PayPal:** The organizers will send the invoice for your registration fee to your e-mail address and payment can be made via AVRDC's PayPal account using a credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express). You do not need a PayPal account to use your credit card for this purpose.
2. **Bank draft/check:** Details are provided in the application form.
3. **On-site registration** at the start of the symposium may also be done with an additional amount of US\$ 20, bringing the total registration fee to US\$ 70 for residents of ASEAN member states as well as members from the organizing institutions, and US\$ 120 for residents from non-ASEAN member states.

Please note that registration forms received without payment do not constitute registration. Upon acceptance of registration and payment of fee, a "Registration Card" will be issued to the participant.

### Financial support :

The organizing committee does not have funds available to offer for travel assistance and accommodation. However, it may be possible to grant partial support for a limited number of participants from developing countries. The decision on granting assistance will be done by the International Advisory Committee depending on the availability of sponsorship funds and the scientific merit of the abstract.



### Guidelines for paper and poster submission :

All abstracts must be written in English using the following file formats: **Microsoft Word Document (\*.doc) and (\*.docx)**. Author guidelines and templates for abstracts can be downloaded from <http://www.avrdc.org/index.php?id=738>

### Visual aids :

A computer and LCD projector will be available to assist the speakers for their oral presentation.

### Excursion :

For an additional fee of US\$ 30 (to be paid at the registration desk), an excursion to the Royal Project at Mae Rim District, Chiang Mai, will be arranged for interested participants on 26 January 2011.

### Important deadlines :

Third announcement: **1 August 2011**

#### **Abstracts/full papers**

Deadline for submission of abstracts : 31 August 2011

Notification of acceptance : 31 October 2011

Submission of full papers : 15 December 2011

#### **Registration**

Deadline of payment: 30 November 2011

#### **Excursion**

Reservation: 30 November 2011

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### Tentative Scientific program

Time	January 24	January 25	January 26
08.30 - 10.00	Opening Program	Session 2b:  From Harvest to Table  Topics: food safety , health and nutrition aspects of vegetables, vegetable supply chain	Excursion to The Royal Project, Mae Rim District, Chiang Mai  0830 - 1630 hrs
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
10.30 - 12.00	Session 1a: From Seed to Harvest  Topics: germplasm, breeding, seed and plant health, integrated crop management with focus on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)	Session 3a: Cross-sectoral Issues  Topics: contributions of vegetable research and development to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), climate change, gender equity, ecological sanitation	
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch	Lunch	
13.30 - 15.00	Session 1b: From Seed to Harvest  Topics: low-input organic vegetable production, ASEAN indigenous vegetables	Session 3b: Cross-sectoral Issues  Topics: urban and regional planning, urban and peri-urban horticulture, disaster risk management, micro-financing	
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break	Coffee break	
15.30 - 16.30	Session 2a: From Harvest to Table  Topics: vegetable postharvest technologies, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), cold chain management, vegetable economics and marketing	Closing Program	
18.30 - 21.30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner

## General information

### Thailand

Thailand is located in Southeast Asia, bordered with Myanmar and Laos in the north, Laos and Cambodia in the northeast and the east, and Malaysia in the south. It covers an area of 513,000 sq. km., stretching 1,650 km. from north to south and 800 km. across from east to west. The population is approximately 67 million with about 10 million living in Bangkok, the capital city.

### Chiang Mai

The “City of Smiles” of Thailand, Chiang Mai is the second largest city in the Kingdom. The city is older than 700 years. Total area of this city is about 20,100 sq. km. It is located on the latitude 16°N and longitude 99°E, at 310 meters above mean sea level. Chiang Mai is about 700 km north of Bangkok, located on the fertile plain of the Mae Ping River. It is a favorite destination of tourists who want to admire her natural scenic beauty, architectural wonders, friendly people and deep-rooted culture.



### Climate and clothing

Chiang Mai is popularly known as the “cool capital” of Thailand with a pleasant average annual temperature of 25 °C. However, nights in December to January can be cool enough (down to about 10 °C) to require a jacket.

Annual rainfall totals 1,098 millimeters. Most of the rain falls during the six months from May through October. August is the wettest month, averaging 226 millimeters. Between January and March there are only traces of precipitation.

### Language

Thai is the national language. However, many people can understand and speak English.

### Money exchange

Money exchange counters are available at the airports, banks and hotels. Thai Baht can be withdrawn from ATM machines. The exchange rate at present is approximately Baht 30 to 1 US\$.

### Passport and visa

Visitors to Thailand must be in possession of a valid national passport or other internationally recognized travel documents. Citizens from most countries of the world can enter Thailand as tourists for up to 15 days without a visa. Those wishing to stay longer than 15 days should obtain visas from Thai embassies or consulate offices in their own countries or countries nearest them. However, please check with the Thai Embassy or Thai Consulate in your country to be sure whether or not a visa is required to enter Thailand before your departure. You may also check requirement for visas on the internet.

### Health regulation

No actual vaccination is presently required.



### Insurance

The Symposium fee does not include insurance of participants against accidents, sickness or loss of personal property. All participants are advised to make the necessary arrangements before departure from their own countries.

### Transportation

All foreign participants may enter Thailand through Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Chiang Mai International Airport.

### Transfers

Numerous domestic flights from Bangkok to Chiang Mai are available from Suvarnabhumi International Airport and Don Muang Domestic Airport. Travelling by train from Bangkok on air-conditioned sleeping-cars may also be a convenient alternative for participants. In addition, Chiang Mai can also be reached comfortably both day and night by deluxe air-conditioned buses from Bangkok.

### Accommodation

For accommodations, please see suggested hotels at: [www.seaveg2012.com](http://www.seaveg2012.com)

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## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Regional Symposium  
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Delegate Information				
Last name / Family name	First name	Title (Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs)	Gender	Nationality

Accompanying Persons (No admission to scientific sessions)				
Last name / Family name	First name	Title (Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs)	Gender	Nationality

Office Address	
Name of the institute	
Department	
Street / City	
State	
Post / Zip code	
Country	
Phone	
Mobile	
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E-mail	

## Annex : A/2

Contact person in case of emergency:	
Name	
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Registration Category (please tick on the appropriate box)	
Scientist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientist (ASEAN)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student (ASEAN)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accompanying person	<input type="checkbox"/>

I am interested to attend (please tick on the appropriate box):	
Session 1: From Seed to Harvest	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session 2: From Harvest to Table	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session 3: Cross-sectoral Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
All of the above:	<input type="checkbox"/>



### Annex : A/3

Payment Options (please choose one)		
Option 1 <b>(PayPal)</b>	The organizers will send the invoice for your registration fee to your e-mail address and payment can be made via AVRDC's PayPal account using a credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express). You do not need a PayPal account to use your credit card for this purpose.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Option 2 <b>(Pay by Check / Bank draft)</b>	<p>You can write a check or obtain a bank draft in the name of 'AVRDC' and send it to the following address,</p> <p>AVRDC – The World Vegetable Center East and Southeast Asia P.O. Box 1010 (Kasetsart) Bangkok 10903 Thailand</p> <p>Kindly indicate that the check/bank draft is for the payment of the "registration fee" for the <i>Regional Symposium on High Value Vegetables in Southeast Asia: Production, Supply and Demand 2012</i>.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Option 3 <b>(On-site registration)</b>	You can submit registration payment to the organizers on the first day of the workshop. An additional amount of US\$ 20 will be charged for on-site registration, bringing the total registration amount to US\$ 70 for residents of ASEAN member states and US\$ 120 for residents of non-ASEAN member states. An area will be designated at the workshop venue to receive registration fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Confirmation :** The registration will be completed and confirmed by e-mail upon receipt of the payment (for options 1 and 2). For participants who prefer option 3, kindly proceed to the designated "registration" area at the lobby of the venue for payment of registration fee.

**Please return this form to the organizing committee:**

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### EXCURSION REGISTRATION FORM

Excursion to The Royal Project, Mae Rim District, Chiang Mai

Name (please print or type):

(Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname) (First name)

Organization and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** US\$ 30 (includes lunch). Fee can be paid at the registration desk upon arrival at symposium venue.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return this form to the organizing committee:**

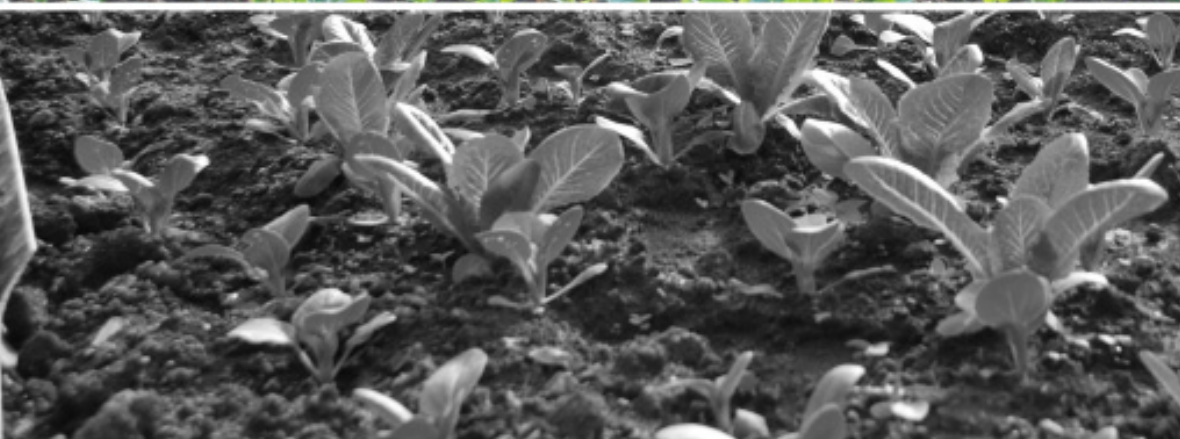
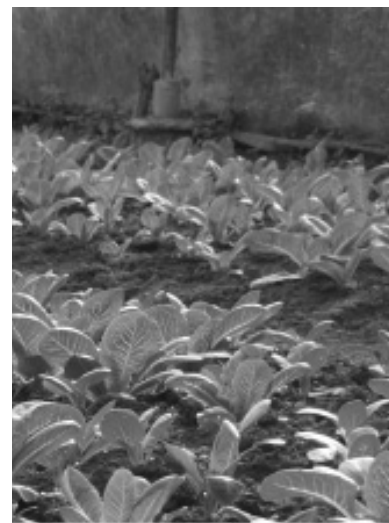
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