

Further Information

There is no registration fee but participation is on a first come–first–served basis because places are limited. Interested parties are required to fax the enclosed form to the Secretariat by **28 September 2011**.

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Acknowledgement

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About SEADPRI-UKM

The Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Institute (SEADPRI-UKM) was established in June 2008 at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. The Institute addresses crucial challenges on disaster risk reduction in the Southeast Asian region. The importance of having a research focal point in this region was felt when Malaysia and neighbouring countries grappled with various issues related to science and governance in facing the 26.12.04 tsunami disaster. SEADPRI-UKM was created to provide basic solutions for disaster prevention through multi- and inter-disciplinary research on risk management to bridge the science-governance interface. The focus of research is on climatic hazards, geological hazards and technological hazards. The emphasis is on capacity building, mainly through post-graduate programmes and specialised training

SEADPRI Forum 2011



Climate, Environment and Development in Southeast Asia: Priorities and Challenges

Speaker : Dr. Raman Letchumanan
Head of Environment Division
ASEAN Secretariat

Date : 29 September 2011 (Thursday)

Time : 8.30 am – 1.00 pm

Venue : Puri Pujangga, UKM Bangi

ORGANISERS:



The Forum

The SEADPRI Forum is an annual flagship event of the Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Institute of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (SEADPRI-UKM). The half-day Forum provides a platform for prestigious speakers to share their insights on the latest issues of relevance to disaster prevention, risk reduction and management. The purpose is to foster understanding and strengthen linkages between researchers, practitioners and policy makers in thematic areas including vulnerability of communities, education and awareness as well as governance for human security and sustainability.

The inaugural SEADPRI Forum was on Hospitals Save from Disasters, held on 6 April 2009 and led by Prof. Ted Herbosa of the Philippines, who was then Adjunct Professor at the Department of Emergency Medicine of the UKM Medical Centre. The event was co-organised with MERCY Malaysia. The second SEADPRI Forum was on Climate Change Adaptation and Spatial Planning, held on 5 Jan 2010 and led by Philipp Schmidt-Thomé of the Geological Survey of Finland. Co-organisers included the Geological Society of Malaysia and the Minerals and Geoscience Department of Malaysia.

This year the Forum is entitled "Climate, Environment and Development in Southeast Asia: Priorities and Challenges". It will be jointly organised with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) and Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI-UKM). The aim is to get an update on current work in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and understand the regional needs and gaps for capacity building. The Forum will be led by Dr. Raman Letchumanan, the Head of the Environment Division at the ASEAN Secretariat. Dr. Raman will share insights on navigating environmental diplomacy to encourage regional collaboration and mobilize research support for ASEAN.

The Audience

The target audience are participants whose common agenda is to address the issues of climate, environment and development in the context of sustainability at the regional level. These include policy-makers, practitioners and researchers from government, universities and non-government entities as well as representatives from the private sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Tentative Programme

9.30 am	Registration & Welcoming Refreshment
10.00 am	Welcoming Remarks by Director of SEADPRI-UKM
10.05 am	Officiating Remarks by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
10.15 am	Moderator's Remarks by Raja Datuk Zaharaton Raja Zainal Abidin, LESTARI-UKM
10.20 am	Presentation Climate, Environment and Development in Southeast Asia: Priorities and Challenges by Dr. Raman Letchumanan ASEAN Secretariat
11.20 am	Discussion Session
12.30 pm	Closing Remarks by Director of LESTARI-UKM
12.45 pm	Lunch & End of Session

About the Speaker



Dr. Raman Letchumanan is overall in charge of promoting regional cooperation on a whole range of environmental and conservation issues for the benefit of ASEAN Member States. From 2002 to 2008 he was also concurrently in charge of disaster management where, among others, he was responsible for drafting and finalizing the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response and its implementation. In 2008 he also concurrently held the position of Head of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Division where he assisted the lesser developed ASEAN member states to narrow their development gap. Prior to this assignment, Dr. Raman has served the Government of Malaysia for 20 years, since 1981, in various capacities in the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment. The last position he held was as Director of the Conservation and Environmental Management Division, where he was responsible for formulation and coordination of environmental and conservation policies and strategies for the country. Dr. Raman holds a Ph.D. specializing in trade and environment from the University of Tokyo, Japan. He has a first degree majoring in Mathematics and Physics, and a Masters Degree in Science Policy. He is also qualified professionally as a Chartered Management Accountant of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, United Kingdom, and as a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.