

Notice of 2022 China-ASEAN International Forum on "Sustainable Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture Under the Blue Transformation Strategy"

I. Background and Purpose

The global production of fisheries and aquaculture reached a record high of 214 million tons in 2022, of which 122.9 million tons were from aquaculture. Asian countries are the major producers, accounting for 70% of the world's total production. China, the largest producer, accounts for 35% of the total, while ASEAN countries account for 21%. As agricultural production is under growing pressure, fisheries and aquaculture are playing increasingly important roles in ensuring food security and people's nutrition and health. In June 2022, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released the *State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022*. The report puts forward for the first time a "Blue Transformation" strategy, which aims to promote high-quality development of fisheries, accelerate the industry's transformation and upgrading, and enable the production of more aquatic products with better quality. China and ASEAN shoulder the important task of carrying out this "Blue Transformation".

In response to the "Blue Transformation" strategy and China's "21st Century Maritime Silk Road" initiative, Ocean University of China will organize the 2022 China-ASEAN International Forum on "Sustainable Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture Under the Blue Transformation Strategy" in collaboration with relevant partners. The forum will host discussions about the implementation of the strategy, further expansion of the space for fisheries, and ways of improving the production capacity of aquatic products, with the purpose of facilitating the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

II. Name

2022 China-ASEAN International Forum on "Sustainable Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture Under the Blue Transformation Strategy"

III. Theme

The approach to "Blue Transformation", scientific and technological innovation for sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture, education and demand for talent in fisheries and aquaculture, inclusive and fair policy environments for fisheries and aquaculture, etc.

IV. Topics

Topic 1: International Talent Cultivation and Training

Universities and research institutes of China and ASEAN will speak on the demand for international talent, talent training programs and achievements in fisheries and aquaculture under the “Blue Transformation” strategy. It is expected to promote the development of higher education and vocational education in fisheries to meet the growing needs of international competition and cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture.

Topic 2: Science and Technology Innovation

To meet the demand of the “Blue Transformation” strategy, hot topics and new measures for scientific and technological innovation will be discussed from such perspectives as the protection, development and utilization of fishery resources, aquaculture and processing of aquatic products, safety of aquatic products, and fishery management.

Topic 3: Industrial Synergy

Discussions will be centered around markets and information, processing and trade, derogation and waste, policies and support in the fisheries and aquaculture industry, as well as measures and experiences of enterprises and institutions to respond to the change, cooperation or potential cooperation with ASEAN.

V. Date and Venue

1. Date: November 20-22, 2022
2. Venue: Qingdao International Academician Park Hotel (171 Jinshui Road, Licang District, Qingdao, China). Online participants will join via zoom link.

VI. Forms of Participation

Participation can be online or offline. Participants in China can attend the forum on site or online. Those from outside China should attend online. According to the requirements of Covid-19 prevention and control, the number of on-site participants is limited to 150.

VII. Organizers

1. Organizer
Ocean University of China
2. Executive organizers

Research Center for Shandong-ASEAN Exchanges and Cooperation; Key Laboratory of Mariculture, Ministry of Education, China; Engineering Research Center of Mariculture, Ministry of Education, China; China Fisheries Alliance in Emerging Agriculture; Sino-Thai Academic Center on Marine and Fishery Sciences; UMT-OUC Joint Academic Centre for Marine Studies; Seaweed Center for International Science & Technology Cooperation

3. Co-organizers

Xiamen University; Dalian Ocean University; Guangdong Ocean University; Jimei University; Hainan Tropical Ocean University; Institute of Oceanology, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Science; South China Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Science; Fourth Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources; China Aquatic Products Processing and Marketing Association; Society of Aquaculture Ecology of Chinese Society for Oceanology and Limnology; Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific; ASEAN Fisheries Education Network.

VIII. Agenda

1. November 20, 2022

- 1) Opening ceremony
- 2) Keynote reports by academicians of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and leaders of international organizations
- 3) Topic 1: International Talent Cultivation and Training: reports by experts of fishery education and training from China and ASEAN countries.

2. November 21, 2022

Topic 2: Science and Technology Innovation: academic reports by experts in fisheries and aquaculture from China and ASEAN countries.

3. November 22, 2022.

Topic 3: Industrial Synergy Development: reports by experts in aquatic industry from China and ASEAN countries.

IX. Registration

Please fill out the participant's receipt (Annex 1). For participants who intend to deliver reports, please fill out the speaker's receipt (Annex 2). There are about 12 reports per topic, 20-30 minutes each. Please send the receipts to qdlijingyu@ouc.edu.cn before October 7th, 2022. There is no fee for registration and meals. Accommodation, transportation, and other expenses will be covered by the participants.

X. Contact

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