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Taipei to host inaugural food and agribusiness conference

TAIPEI—The inaugural Asian Food and Agribusiness Conference 2013: Biotechnology and Global Competitiveness is set for 15–18 July 2013 at Mellow Fields Hotel, Taipei. This conference is jointly organized by the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan (COA), and China Productivity Center.

Deputy Minister Wen-Deh Chen of the COA will be the guest of honor at the event.

Approximately 100 leaders from the public and private sectors and NGOs, including scientists, consultants, and entrepreneurs, will discuss current and emerging topics important in agriculture, agribusiness, the food industry, and biotechnology in Asia. The latest scientific advances in and future directions of agricultural biotechnology and increased competitiveness through niche areas will be highlighted. Recommendations on the development of appropriate policy and regulatory environments, establishment of partnerships, cooperative projects, and networking among key stakeholders within and among APO member countries are expected.

The conference will also focus on enabling resource-poor, small-scale producers, who constitute the overwhelming majority of the farming community in the Asia-Pacific, to benefit from innovations in the biotechnology fields. This will be one impetus to commercializing applications of biotechnology.

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About the APO

The APO was established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization with the mission of contributing to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific region through productivity promotion. The current membership comprises 20 economies. The APO supports its member countries through capacity-building efforts such as training courses, workshops, seminars, and other activities to enhance productivity.