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### Major agribusiness conference kicks off in Taipei



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The Asian Productivity Organization's food and agribusiness conference got underway July 15 in Taipei City, further underscoring Taiwan's growing role in global agriculture biotechnology.

Close to 100 industry participants, government officials and academics from 13 APO member countries are attending the four-day gathering, billed by the ROC Council of Agriculture as the largest major international agricultural research event hosted by Taiwan in recent years.

Other attendees include representatives from India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as

Specialists from across the Asia-Pacific region listen to distinguished experts at the Asian Food and Agribusiness Conference 2103: Biotechnology and Global Competitiveness July 16 in Taipei City. (Courtesy of COA)

experts from the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions.

A total of 16 international and domestic specialists have been invited to share their insights into emerging trends, experiences in strategy formulation and knowledge of agribiotech application to food production. Discussion topics include the risks and management of applying biotechnology to food production and the ecosystem, as well as fostering the application of biotechnology by small and medium producers, the COA said.

On the final day of the conference, participants will visit the Bio Taiwan 2013. Kicking off July 18 at Taipei World Trade Center Nangang Exhibition Hall in Taipei City, the biotechnology show offers an added opportunity for specialists from abroad to better understand Taiwan's strength in this field, the COA added.

Established in 1961, Japan-based APO aims to contribute to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific through enhancing productivity. The ROC was a founding member of the organization, which has grown to include 20 countries. (SDH)