

UC joins ICAFS 2014 in Singapore; conducts back-to-back meeting on Food and Nutrition Security



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SINGAPORE, Singapore – Five of the member universities of the University Consortium joined SEARCA in the 2nd International Conference on Asian Food Security (ICAFS), organized by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, on 21-22 August 2014 in Singapore. Led by Dr. Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr., the SEARCA delegation included heads of SEARCA's core programs on Graduate Education and Institutional Development, Research and Development, and Knowledge Management namely, Dr. Maria Cristeta N. Cuaresma, Dr. Bessie M. Burgos, and Dr. Maria Celeste H. Cadiz, respectively. Meanwhile, the representatives from the University Consortium were Dr. Jose V. Camacho, Jr., from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), Dr. Masyhuri, from the Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Dr. Poonpipope Kasemsamp, Dr. Wiboon Chongrattanameteeikul, and

Dr. Somsakdi Thabtimthong of Kasetsart University (KU), Dr. Edy Hartulistiyo of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), and Dr. Machito Mihara and Dr. Suzuki Kojiro of Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI).

Themed Towards Asia 2025: Policy and Technology Imperatives, the Conference, which took place at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, tackled major issues and drivers of the Asian agri-food sector and offered insights on Asia's response towards the thinking horizon of 2025. ICAFS 2014 covered the following topics: Trends and challenges to food security; Supply and demand – improving productivity growth and supply chains; Market integration, trade and economic access to food; Financing and investing in agricultural innovation and technology; and Charting an integrative approach for Asia towards 2025.

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