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17TH ASEAN FOOD CONFERENCE (AFC) 2023
24th – 27th OCTOBER 2023
BORNEO CONVENTION CENTRE KUCHING (BCCK)

Dearest delegate,

We are just days away from the **17th ASEAN Food Conference (AFC 2023)**, which is scheduled to be on **24th October 2023 (Tuesday) – 27th August 2023 (Friday)**, at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching, Sarawak, with the theme: “**Future of Food in ASEAN: What’s Next?**”

Provided below is the programme and some essential information to assist you in planning for your participation in the 17th ASEAN Food Conference (AFC) 2023.

PROGRAMME

24-Oct-23	14:00 – 17:00	Conference Pre-Registration at Pullman Hotel		
	Pre-Conference Workshop: Early Career Scientists Workshop			
	13:00 – 14:00	Registration for Pre-conference Workshop		
	14:00 – 15:30	Early Career Scientist Pre-Conference Workshop: The Sweet Spot - Finding Your Niche in Food Science Research (Part 1 & 2)		
	15:30-16:00	Tea Break		
	16:00 – 17:00	Early Career Scientist Pre-Conference Workshop: The Sweet Spot - Finding Your Niche in Food Science Research (Part 3)		
25-Oct-23	Day 1			
	07:00 – 08:30	Conference Registration		
	08:30 – 08:40	Welcoming Remarks		
	08:40 – 10:30	Keynote Papers		
	10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break		
	11:00 – 12:00	Opening by Guest of Honour		
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	1200 – 1830 Poster session	
	13:00 – 15:30	Concurrent Sessions		1300 – 1830 ASEAN Food Bowl Quiz
	15:30 – 16:00	Tea Break		
	16:00 – 18:30	Concurrent Sessions (continue)		
	18:30	End of Day 1		
	19:00 – 22:00	Conference Gala Dinner		

26-Oct-23	Day 2			
	8.30 – 8:40	Opening remarks	0830 – 1730 Poster session	
	8:40 – 10:10	Main Plenary Session		
	10:10 – 10:30	Tea break		
	10:30 – 13:00	Concurrent Sessions		
	13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
	14:00 – 16:00	Concurrent Sessions (continue)		13:30 – 17:30
	16:00 – 16:30	Tea break		Halal Forum
	16:30 – 17:30	Concurrent Sessions (continue)		
	17:30 – 18:00	Closing Ceremony and handing over to the next AFC Host		
	18:00	End of Conference		
27-Oct-23	Technical Tours			
	08:30 – 13:00	Technical Tours		

**Programme is subject to changes*

**Please refer to the updated programme on the website: https://afc2023my.com/p_glance.php*

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHT

Conference Registration

Pre-Registration

Date : 24th October 2023 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Venue : Pullman Hotel Lobby

Registration on Conference Day

Date : 25th October 2023 (Wednesday)
Time : 7:00am – 8:30am
Venue : Level 2, Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

Please have your Delegate ID QR Code ready and present it to the crew at the counter. Your Delegate ID should have been sent to you via the email address you provided during registration.

Pre-Conference Workshop: Early Career Scientists Workshop

Pre-Registration

Date : 24th October 2023 (Tuesday)
Time : 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Venue : Level 2, Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

**Workshop will start at 2:00pm.*

Lunch & Tea Breaks

1. Lunch will be served at **Great Hall A**
2. Tea breaks will be served at **Zone 3**

Opening Ceremony

Date : 25th October 2023 (Wednesday)
Time : 11:00am – 12:00pm
Venue : Great Hall C+D, Level 2, Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

Gala Dinner

Date : 25th October 2023 (Wednesday)
Time : 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Venue : Great Hall A, Level 2, Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)
Theme : Cultural Night (traditional Heritage Dress Wear)

**Only attendees who have purchased tickets for the Gala Dinner and those who have been invited by the organizer are permitted to participate in the Gala Dinner event.*

Exhibition

The exhibition will be showcased at **Zone 3**

Reminder:

1. For your comfort, we recommend dressing in layers as the venue can occasionally become very cold.
2. In case of an emergency, emergencies contact are printed on the back of your badge.

OFFICIAL VENUE



The Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK) is all geared up to welcome the delegates of the 17th ASEAN Food Conference (AFC) 2023. AFC 2023 will be at **Level 2**.

Address:
Demak-Isthmus Bridge, Jalan Keruing, Sejingkat, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak.

Phone:
+60 82-392 888

BCKK Website:
www.bcck.com.my

How to reach BCKK?

There are several transportation options for delegates to get to BCKK. They include:

Car	Taxi / Grab	Hydrogen Bus
<p>There are several car rental services you could opt for from our local tour agencies. A few car rental counters are also available at the Kuching International Airport for you to book right after exiting the arrival gate.</p>	<p>Book a Grab or Taxi in Kuching for convenient transportation. Download the Grab app to book your ride. For more information on booking a Taxi, visit Kuching Taxi.</p>	<p>Hop on to the Sarawak Metro's eco-friendly H2 bus ride. Check out the available routes and schedules on the Sarawak Metro website.</p>

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

- In the morning, make sure to be at the pick-up point 5-10 minutes ahead of time.
- In the evening, the shuttle will be stationed at the pick-up point 30 minutes before the conference end, departing only when the bus(es) are full or when the conference concludes.

Day 1 | October 25, 2023

From	To	Pick up time	Pick up point	Drop off
Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	6:45 am 7:15 am 7:45 am	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)	BCKK Coach Loading Bay
Grand Margherita Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	6:45 am 7:15 am 7:45 am	Grand Margherita Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay
Waterfront Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	6:45 am 7:15 am 7:45 am	Waterfront Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay
After Conference Session Ends				
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)	6:00 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Grand Margherita Hotel	6:00 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Grand Margherita Hotel
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Waterfront Hotel	6:00 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Waterfront Hotel
After Gala Dinner Ends				
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)	8:30 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Grand Margherita Hotel	8:30 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Grand Margherita Hotel
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Waterfront Hotel	8:30 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Waterfront Hotel

Day 2 | October 26, 2023

From	To	Pick up time	Pick up point	Drop off
Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	6:45 am 7:15 am 7:45 am	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)	BCKK Coach Loading Bay
Grand Margherita Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	6:45 am 7:15 am 7:45 am	Grand Margherita Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay
Waterfront Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	6:45 am 7:15 am 7:45 am	Waterfront Hotel	BCKK Coach Loading Bay
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)	5:30 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Pullman Hotel (Official Hotel)
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Grand Margherita Hotel	5:30 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Grand Margherita Hotel
BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Waterfront Hotel	5:30 pm	BCKK Coach Loading Bay	Waterfront Hotel

TECHNICAL TOUR

The technical tour is only open to those who have paid the conference registration fee. Please keep in mind that seating is limited, and it will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The itinerary for the tour is provided below:

Tour 1: Agricultural R&D Tour: MARDI & CRAUN Research

PICKUP POINT: Pullman Hotel

Time	Trip Details
8.30 am - 9.15 am	Trip from hotel to MARDI Kuching
9.15 am - 10.20 am	Facility tour at MARDI Kuching
10.20 am - 10.30 am	Travel to CRAUN Research
10.30 am - 11.45 am	Facility tour at CRAUN Research
11.45 am - 12.30 pm	Back to hotel

Tour 2: Biodiversity Tour: Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC)

PICKUP POINT: Riverside Majestic Hotel- Astana Wing

Time	Trip Details
8.30 am - 9.30 am	Trip from hotel to Sarawak Biodiversity Centre
9.30 am – 11.30 am	Facility tour at Sarawak Biodiversity Centre
11.30 am - 12.30 pm	Back to hotel

Tour 3: Commodity Crop Tour A: Stutong Market & Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB)

PICKUP POINT: Pullman Hotel

Time	Trip Details
8.30 am - 9.00 am	Trip from hotel to Stutong Community Market
9.00 am - 10.00 am	Stutong Community Market Exploration
10.00 am - 10.40 am	Travel to Malaysian Pepper Board
10.40 am - 12.00 pm	Facility tour at Malaysian Pepper Board
12.00 pm - 12.30 pm	Back to hotel

Tour 4: Commodity Crop Tour B: Stutong Market & Malaysian Cocoa Board (LKM)

PICKUP POINT: Riverside Majestic Hotel- Astana Wing

Time	Trip Details
8.30 am - 9.00 am	Trip from hotel to Stutong Community Market
9.00 am - 10.00 am	Stutong Community Market Exploration
10.00 am - 10.40 am	Travel to Malaysian Cocoa Board
10.40 am - 12.00 pm	Facility tour at Malaysian Cocoa Board
12.00 pm - 12.40 pm	Back to hotel

TOUR PACKAGES

Those who are interested in participating in tours may check the [Tour Packages](#) by our official tour agent, Cat City Holidays Sdn Bhd.

OPTIONAL TOUR 2023

CAT CITY HOLIDAYS SDN. BHD. 猫城假期有限公司

Tel : (6082) 412500 / (6082) 414200 / (6012) 8832820 / (6012) 8861480

Website : www.catcityholidays.com Facebook/Instagram : [catcityholidays](#)

Suite 33.1, 1st Floor, Kueh Hock Kui Comm. Ctr, Jalan Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce, 93150 Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia



No	Tour Name	Duration	Rate per pax (RM) (Min. 2 to go)	
1.	Kuching City Tour	3 hours+-	90.00	
2.	Borneo Cultures Museum	3 hours+-	150.00	
3.	Sarawak Cultural Village	3-4 hours+-	170.00	
4.	Semenggoh Wildlife Centre	3 hours+-	120.00	
5.	Crocodile Farm & Mini Zoo	3 hours+-	120.00	
6.	Annah Rais Bidayuh Longhouse	4 hours+-	140.00	
7.	Fairy Cave & Wind Cave - (Fairy Cave is closed every Monday & Wind cave is closed every Tuesday)	4 hours+-	130.00	
8.	Kubah National Park	4 hours+-	155.00	
9.	Gunung Gading National Park	5-6 hours+-	240.00	
10.	Matang Wildlife Centre	4 hours+-	150.00	
11.	Morning Dolphin Spotting Cruise	3 hours+-	350.00	
12.	Evening Wildlife & Nature Watching Cruise	4 hours+-	380.00	
13.	Satang Island Excursion	5 hours+-	520.00	
14.	Sarawak River Cruise (Ticket Only)	1 ½ hours	70.00	
15.	Medan Niaga Satok	1 ½ hours+-	75.00	
16.	Siniawan Old Town Night Market (Friday-Sunday)	2-3hours	85.00	
17.	Kubah Birding Tour	4-5 hours+-	525.00	
18.	Evening Frogging Tour	4-5 hours+-	525.00	
19.	World War II (WWII) Historical Tour	3 hours+-	385.00	
20.	Bengoh Dam & Kampung Sting Hiking	7 hours+-	(2-3pax) 250.00	(4 & above) 175.00
21.	Kayaking Experience	7 hours+-	270.00	
22.	Bako National Park	7 hours+-	450.00	
23.	Fairy Cave + Tasik Biru + Paku Rock Maze	7 hours+-	220.00	
24.	2D1N Bengoh Dam & Kampung Sting Adventure	Overnight	(2-3pax) 480.00	(4 & above) 360.00
25.	2D1N Bako National Park	Overnight	795.00	

26.	3D2N Bako National Park	Overnight	1130.00
27.	2D1N Iban Longhouse Safari	Overnight	1300.00
28.	3D2N Iban Longhouse Safari	Overnight	1925.00
29.	3D2N Mulu 4 Show Caves (Twin-sharing) per person	Overnight	RM1,988.00

*** The above rate is valid until 31 December 2023**

TRAVELING TO KUCHING, SARAWAK

Entry Requirements into Malaysia

No.	Country	Visit Pass (Social)	Visa Requirement	Observation	Yellow Fever Country (Yes / No)
1	Afghanistan	14 Days	Yes		No
2	Angola	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
3	Bangladesh	30 Days	Yes		No
4	Bhutan	30 Days	Yes		No
5	Burkina Faso	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
6	Myanmar (Burma)	14 Days	Yes		No
7	Burundi	14 Days	Yes		Yes
8	Cameroon	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
9	Central African Republic	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
10	China	30 Days	Yes		No
11	Colombia	14 Days	Yes		Yes
12	Congo Brazzaville	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
13	Congo Democratic Republic	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
14	Djibouti	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	No
15	Equatorial Guinea	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
16	Eritrea	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	No
17	Ethiopia	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
18	Ghana	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
19	Guinea Bissau	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
20	Hong Kong (Certificate of Identity – COI)	14 Days	Yes		No
21	India	30 Days	Yes		No
22	Ivory Coast	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
23	Liberia	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
24	Mali	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
25	Montenegro	30 Days	Yes		No
26	Mozambique	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	No
27	Nepal	30 Days	Yes		No
28	Niger	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes

29	Nigeria	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
30	North Korea	30 Days	Yes		No
31	Pakistan	30 Days	Yes		No
32	Refugee (UNHCR) Traveling with <i>Titre De Voyage / Laissez Passer</i>	14 Days	Yes		No
33	Rwanda	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	Yes
34	Serbia	30 Days	Yes		No
35	Sri Lanka	30 Days	Yes		No
36	Western Sahara	14 Days	Yes	By Air Only	No
37	United Nation – <i>Titre De Voyage</i>	30 Days	Yes		No
38	United Nation – Laissez Passer	30 Days	Yes		No

*Countries that are not mentioned may enter without Visa according to the time of stay on a Social Visit Pass (Social) in between 30 days to 90 days according to the Citizens' entitlement.

For more information, please visit [Entry Requirements into Malaysia](#).

NEARBY CLINICS AND HOSPITALS

Klinik Tanah Puteh

Jalan Kwong Lee Bank, Tanah Putih,
93450 Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6082-344 011
Distance form BCKK: 3.8km

Poliklinik

101, Jln Padungan, 93100 Kuching,
Sarawak
Contact: +6 082-242 997
Distance form BCKK: 7.1km

Kang's Clinic

No 173, Jalan Song Thian Cheok,
93100 Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6 082-416 590
Distance form BCKK: 7.1km

Healthcare Clinic Tabuan Jaya

896, Tabuan Jaya Commercial Centre,
93350 Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6 082-365 122
Distance form BCKK: 7.5km

Borneo Medical Centre

Lot 10992, Section 64 KTL D, Jalan, Tun
Jugah, 93350 Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6082-507 333
Distance form BCKK: 7.8km

Borneo Clinic

No 56, Lot 3557, Ground Floor, Tabuan
Tranquility, Off, Jalan Canna, 93350
Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6 013-505 5568
Distance from BCKK: 7.9km

Sarawak General Hospital

Jalan Hospital, 93586 Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6 082-276 666
Distance from BCKK: 9.2km

Timberland Medical Centre

Lot 5160-5169 & 7477-7486, Block 16,
KCLD, 2 1/2 Mile, Jalan Rock, 93250
Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6 082-234 466
Distance from BCKK: 9.8km

KPJ Kuching Specialist Hospital

Lot 18807, Block 11 Muara Tebas Land
District, Jalan Stutong, 93350 Kuching,
Sarawak
Contact: +6 082-365 777
Distance from BCKK: 9.9km

Normah Medical Specialist Centre

Lot 937, Section 30 KTL D, Jalan Tun Abdul
Rahman Yaakub, Petra Jaya, 93050
Kuching, Sarawak
Contact: +6 082-440 055
Distance from BCKK: 10.8km

HOTELS NEARBY

If you prefer convenient access to the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK), there are several nearby hotels available for your consideration. The list of options includes, but is not limited to, the following:



PULLMAN HOTEL KUCHING **(OFFICIAL HOTEL)**

1A Jalan Mathies, 93100 Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia

☎ +60 82 222 888

📠 +60 82 222 999

✉ H6332@accor.com

📍 Distance from the venue (BCKK): 7.4km

📍 Distance from the airport: 9.3km

MERITIN HOTEL

Lot 315, Jalan Padungan, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak

☎ +60 82 550 800

📠 +60 82 550 811

✉ reservation@meritinhotel.com

📍 Distance from the venue (BCKK): 7.2km

📍 Distance from the airport: 9.5km



IMPERIAL RIVERBANK HOTEL

Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100 Kuching, Sarawak

☎ +60 82 230 033

📠 +60 82 230 303

✉ irhkch@imperial.com.my

📍 Distance from the venue (BCKK): 7.5km

📍 Distance from the airport: 9.9km



ABELL HOTEL

22, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100
Kuching, Sarawak

+60 82 239449

+60 82 234488

reservation@abellboutiquehotel.com.my

Distance from the venue (BCCK): 2.7km

Distance from the airport: 9.6km



THE WATERFRONT HOTEL

68 Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg, 93000
Kuching, Sarawak

+60 82 227227

reservation@thewaterfrontkuching.com

Distance from the venue (BCCK):
8.6km

Distance from the airport: 9.5km

GRAND MARGHERITA HOTEL

Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

+60 82 532 111

+60 82 532 111

contact@gmh.my

Distance from the venue (BCCK): 7.4km

Distance from the airport: 10.1km



RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL

93756, Jalan Tunku Abdul Rahman, 93100
Kuching, Sarawak

+60 82 532 222

+60 82 425 858

contact@gmh.my

Distance from the venue (BCCK): 7.5km

Distance from the airport: 10.2km

*Important Note: In compliance with the **Malaysian Government's Tourism Tax** applied as of 1st September 2017, a **tax of MYR 10 nett per room, per night**, will be charged at the hotel upon checkout for non-Malaysians.*

Contact

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We look forward to welcoming you at the 17th ASEAN Food Conference (AFC) 2023.
See you at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK)!

Thank you.

With Best Regards,
AFC 2023 Secretariat