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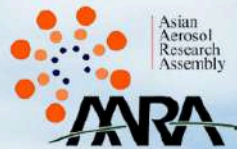
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Welcome Message

by **The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg** (Premier of Sarawak)

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Clean Air Forum Society of Malaysia (MyCAS), the Asian Aerosol Research Assembly (AARA), and the organising committee of the 13th Asian Aerosol Conference (AAC) 2024. My deepest gratitude also goes to all the sponsors and partners whose support has made this conference possible.

The theme of this year's conference, "Synergizing Aerosol Science, Technology, Policy, and Practice towards Sustainable Solutions," is especially timely, as the region and the world are increasingly focused on managing the health implications of air quality. The long-term exposure to polluted air is linked to increased rates of asthma, chronic respiratory conditions, and other health challenges, making this conference a vital platform for sharing knowledge and strategies to mitigate these risks.

Through the Post-COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030, Sarawak is committed to improving public health outcomes by addressing environmental factors such as air quality. As part of this strategy, our government has prioritised sustainable urban development and air quality monitoring.

In addition, we continue to align our policies with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 on Good Health and Well-being and SDG 13 on Climate Action.

I would like to commend the organisers for bringing together scientists, policymakers, and public health experts to explore the intersection of aerosol science and public health policy. The 13th AAC 2024 offers an opportunity to discuss not only the science of aerosols but also the practical solutions that can be applied to protect public health. From advancements in air quality monitoring to public health interventions, the insights shared at this conference will be invaluable to shaping future policies.



The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg
Premier of Sarawak

Welcome Message

by **The Honourable Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii** (Deputy Minister)

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) would like to extend the heartfelt congratulations to the organiser, the Clean Air Forum Society of Malaysia (MyCAS) for organising and hosting this prestigious event in collaboration with the Asian Aerosol Research Assembly (AARA) with the support from various ministries, local universities, and agencies.

The 13th Asian Aerosol Conference 2024 (AAC 2024) is a critical platform for sharing knowledge, exchanging expertise, and presenting the latest research findings in aerosol science. It marks a significant milestone in our collective efforts to address global climate challenges.

The theme of the AAC 2024, "Synergizing Aerosol Science, Technology, Policy, and Practice towards Sustainable Solutions" provide a platform in emphasising the critical need for a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to addressing aerosol-related challenges across scientific, technological, policy, and practical domains.

To address the challenges related to air quality, the government is finalising the National Clean Air Action Plan 2025-2040 (NCAAP), developed in the earlier Clean Air Action Plan 2010. This plan is designed to enhance Malaysia's ambient air quality and serve as a guiding document that aims to drive unified and comprehensive efforts toward achieving better air quality. The development of NCAAP 2025 – 2040 involves collaboration with various stakeholders, such as government bodies, the private sector, industry players, NGOs, educational institutions, and others.

NRES is adopting a highly aspirational approach to decarbonise by committing to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 2050. In this regard, the ministry is finalising its Long-term Low Emission Development Strategy (LT LEDS) to guide Malaysia in meeting this target.



The Honourable Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability of Malaysia (NRES)

Welcome Message

by **Ts. Dr. Noor Zaitun Yahaya (AHEA UK)** (General Chair)

Welcome to the 13th Asian Aerosol Conference (AAC) 2024! On behalf of the Clean Air Forum Society of Malaysia (MyCAS) and the organising committee, it is my privilege to welcome you to the 13th Asian Aerosol Conference (AAC) 2024. This gathering brings together scientists, researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers to explore key advancements in aerosol science, technology, and the impact of aerosols on the environment and public health.

MyCAS was established in 2014 during the Better Air Quality Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and was formally registered in Malaysia in 2016. Since then, MyCAS has been at the forefront of promoting clean air in this region with a strong commitment to advancing aerosol research, improving air quality, and fostering collaboration through biennial conferences. MyCAS also successfully organised the Better Air Quality Conference 2018. Our mission is to engage stakeholders, promote capacity building, and support efforts for better air quality at both national and international levels.

As a proud member of the Asian Aerosol Research Assembly (AARA), we are honoured to have been entrusted by the AARA Board to host the 13th AAC 2024. This event would not have been possible without the invaluable support of numerous stakeholders, including Business Events Sarawak (BESarawak), the Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau (MyCEB), government agencies, academic institutions, and strategic partners. This conference serves as a platform for exchanging knowledge, showcasing cutting-edge research, and discussing the future of aerosol and technology.

As we come together from diverse disciplines and nations, let us take the opportunity to collaborate, learn, and contribute to the advancement of aerosol research. Together, we are well positioned to shape the future of this important field.

Thank you for joining us and welcoming what promises us to be an engaging and impactful event.



Ts. Dr. Noor Zaitun Yahaya (AHEA UK)
General Chair, 13th Asian Aerosol Conference (AAC) 2024

Welcome Message

by Prof. Dr. Juliana Jalaludin (Co-Chair)

Dear Colleagues and friends

On behalf of the organising committee, It is my great honour and privilege to welcome each of you to the 13th Asian Aerosol Conference 2024.

Serving as co-chair and head of the scientific committee for an event that gathers some of the brightest minds in aerosol science and technology is both humbling and exhilarating. This year's theme, "Synergizing Aerosol Science, Technology, Policy, and Practice towards Sustainable Solutions," underscores our commitment to a holistic, multidisciplinary approach. It emphasises the importance of integrating science, technology, and policy to craft solutions that are not only innovative but also practical and impactful.

Over the next few days, we will witness a remarkable convergence of expertise. We have gathered prominent speakers and leaders renowned across the fields of aerosol research, technology, and policy to share their latest innovations and discoveries. Their work not only enhances our understanding of aerosols but also guides us toward sustainable, science-driven solutions that will shape a healthier and more resilient world.

This conference stands as a testament to the remarkable progress in aerosol science. My heartfelt thanks go to the organising committee for their tireless dedication and exceptional teamwork in bringing the 13th Asian Aerosol Conference 2024 to life, establishing an outstanding platform for scientific advancement and collaborative growth. We are thrilled to present six plenary speakers, five special symposia, 25 oral sessions, and over 340 presentations from 36 countries. Each of you, through your dedication to advancing aerosol science, plays a vital role in shaping a future where technology, policy, and practice converge to address today's challenges and fulfil tomorrow's aspirations.

Thank you, and I wish you all a productive, inspiring, and collaborative conference.



Prof. Dr. Juliana Jalaludin
Co-Chair, 13th Asian Aerosol Conference 2024
Head of Scientific Committee

Welcome Message

by Prof Chih-Chieh Chen (AARA President)

On behalf of the Asian Aerosol Research Assembly (AARA), it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the 13th Asian Aerosol Conference (AAC). This gathering exemplifies the commitment and collaborative spirit of our member countries in advancing aerosol science and addressing regional challenges related to air quality, climate, and public health.

The AARA was founded in 1999 with the mission to foster collaboration in aerosol research across Asia. Today, AARA's membership spans diverse countries, each contributing unique expertise to the field. Our biennial AAC has become a platform where these diverse experiences converge, allowing us to exchange knowledge, explore cutting-edge technologies, and develop strategies for the pressing issues of air quality and climate change.

This year's conference, themed "Synergizing Aerosol Science, Technology, Policy, and Practice towards Sustainable Solutions," emphasises our goal to translate research into actions that improve public health and environmental resilience across Asia. The idea of holding a biennial conference emerged as a way to bring together researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration. Since then, the AAC has provided a unique platform to address key topics in aerosol science, including fundamental research, industrial applications, air quality, and climate change.

In addition to presenting current research, AAC 2024 will highlight the Asian Young Aerosol Scientist Award, recognising emerging talent, and the AARA Fellows Award, honouring senior scientists for their significant contributions to AARA. These awards reflect our commitment to fostering the next generation of aerosol researchers and celebrating those whose work has strengthened our field.

We extend our heartfelt recognition to MYCAS for their exceptional role as the organiser of the 13th Asian Aerosol Conference. Their dedication and expertise have significantly contributed to advancing aerosol science and fostering collaboration among researchers and professionals in the field. We appreciate their commitment to excellence and the successful execution of this important event, which has brought together diverse voices and innovative ideas to address global challenges in aerosol research.

As we gather for AAC 2024, I am confident that our discussions will inspire new ideas, forge stronger collaborations, and lead to meaningful advancements in aerosol science for the benefit of our region and the world.

Thank you, and I wish you all a successful and inspiring conference.



Prof Chih-Chieh Chen

AARA President

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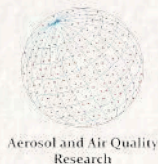
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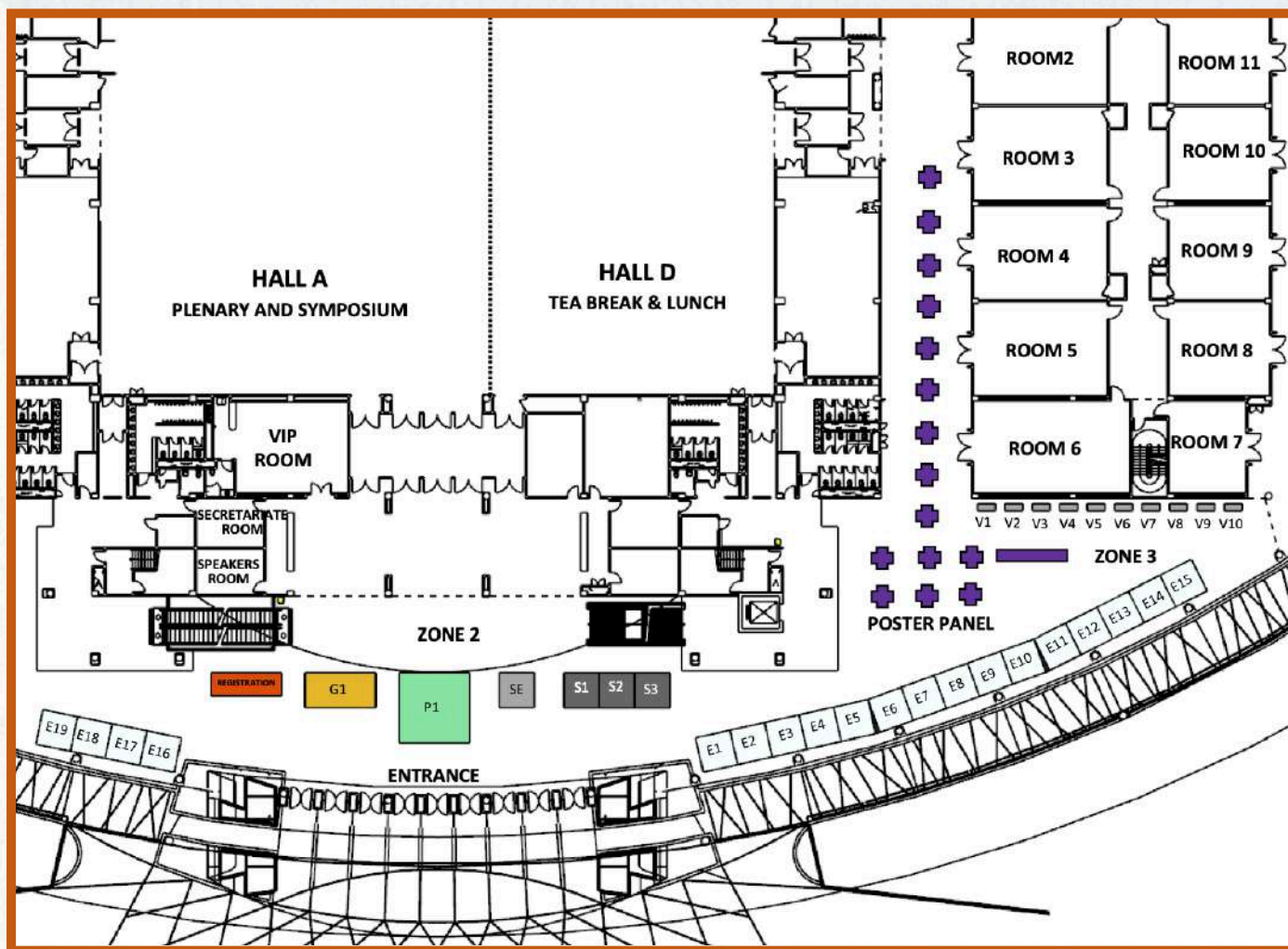
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Venue Floor Plan



Programme At A Glance

Day 1, 3rd Nov 2024 (SUNDAY)

Time	Session
13:00 - 17:00	Registration
14:00 - 17:00	AARA Board Meeting
17:00 - 19:00	Welcoming Reception at BCCK

Day 2, 4th Nov 2024 (MONDAY)

Time	Session
08:00 - 08:30	Registration The arrival of invited guests and delegates
08:00 - 09:00	Welcome Refreshments
09:00 - 10:00	Plenary Lecture 1 The World Needs Solutions to Clean Up the Air We Breathe: Can Aerosol Science, Technology and Practice Deliver Them? <i>Distinguished Prof. Lidia Morawska</i>
10:00 - 12:00	Opening Ceremony Welcoming speech by Chairperson of AAC 2024 <i>Ts. Dr. Noor Zaitun Yahaya (AHEA UK)</i> Welcoming speech by AARA President <i>Prof. Chih-Chieh Chen</i> Speech by Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environmental Sustainability of Malaysia <i>The Honourable Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii</i> Officiating Speech by <i>The Right Honourable Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak</i> AAC2024 Official Launching
12:00 - 12:30	Exhibition Booth Visit
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch

Time	Session					
14:00 - 15:00	<p align="center">Plenary Lecture 2 Chairperson: <i>Prof. Ta-Chih (T.C.) Hsiao</i></p> <p align="center">Mitigating Aerosol Emissions from Transport Sources in Urban Hotspots <i>Prof. Dr. Konstantinos Eleftheriadis</i></p>					
	ORAL SESSION 1					
	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4	ROOM 5	ROOM 6	Hall A
	Aerosol & Air Pollution in South Eastern Asia Countries (I)	Aerosol Chemistry (I)	Aerosol Exposure & Health Effects (I)	Urban Aerosol & Air Quality (I)	Indoor Air (I)	<p align="center">Symposium 1 Emerging Technologies Chairperson: <i>Prof Charles Lo</i></p>
15:00 - 15:15	AAC24-259	AAC24-34	AAC24-43	AAC24-108	AAC24-26	<p align="center">Ultralow Emission Control Technologies and Advanced Monitoring Devices for PM2.5 and Nanoparticles <i>Prof. Dr. Chuen-Jinn Tsai</i></p>
15:15 - 15:30	AAC24-44	AAC24-54	AAC24-55	AAC24-113	AAC24-220	
15:30 - 15:45	AAC24-46	AAC24-68	AAC24-81	AAC24-154	AAC24-97	<p align="center">Humanizing Technology: Key to Lower Carbon Mobility via Aerosol Emission Management <i>Dato' Prof. Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah</i></p>
15:45 - 16:00	AAC24-58	AAC24-98	AAC24-89	AAC24-174	AAC24-110	
16:00 - 16:15	AAC24-109	AAC24-129	AAC24-92	AAC24-188	AAC24-114	<p align="center">Application of Environmental Magnetism on Atmospheric Aerosols <i>Assoc. Prof. Atsushi Matsuki</i></p>
16:15 - 16:30	AAC24-168	AAC24-132	AAC24-105	AAC24-202	AAC24-118	
16:30 - 16:45	AAC24-184	AAC24-391	AAC24-164	AAC24-156	AAC24-124	
16:45 - 17:00		AAC24-401	AAC24-405	AAC24-412	AAC24-78	
17:00	Break and end of day 2					

Day 3, 5th Nov 2024 (TUESDAY)

Time	Session					
08:00 - 08:30	Registration					
08:30 - 09:00	AARA Fellows Award Presentation					
09:00 - 10:00	<p align="center">Plenary Lecture 3 <i>Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Mohd Talib Latif</i></p> <p align="center">Overview of the KPEX and Intensive Observations in Line with the Overflights of ASIA-AQ in the Spring of 2024 <i>Prof. Neng-Huei (George) Lin</i></p>					
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break & Poster Session (I)					
	ORAL SESSION 2					
	📍 ROOM 2	📍 ROOM 3	📍 ROOM 4	📍 ROOM 5	📍 ROOM 6	📍 Hall A
	Aerosol & Air Pollution in South Eastern Asia Countries (II)	Aerosol Chemistry (II)	Bioaerosol (II)	Aerosol Exposure & Health Effects (II)	Indoor Air (II)	<p align="center">Symposium 2 Impacts of Biomass-Burning Emissions in Southeast Asia <i>Chairperson:</i> <i>Dr Shantanu Kumar Pani</i></p>
10:30 - 10:45	AAC24-196	AAC24-237	AAC24-30	AAC24-115	AAC24-151	Gaseous & Particulate Matter Emission Measured From Tropical Peatland Burning in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia <i>Prof. Puji Lestari</i>
10:45 - 11:00	AAC24-21	AAC24-243	AAC24-60	AAC24-148	AAC24-161	
11:00 - 11:15	AAC24-285	AAC24-251	AAC24-61	AAC24-189	AAC24-172	PBL Meteorology and Diurnal Variation of Smoke in Foothill Regions based on UAV, AERONET, and Aerosol Lidar Observations <i>Prof. Sheng-Hsiang (Carlo) Wang</i>
11:15 - 11:30	AAC24-309	AAC24-255	AAC24-70	AAC24-215	AAC24-179	
11:30 - 11:45	AAC24-359	AAC24-269	AAC24-85	AAC24-266	AAC24-149	Reduction of Emissions from Biomass Burning in Malaysia: Challenges and Way Forward <i>Prof. Zailina Hashim</i>
11:45 - 12:00	AAC24-368	AAC24-277	AAC24-87	AAC24-392	AAC24-248	
12:00 - 12:15	AAC24-372	AAC24-279	AAC24-141	AAC24-398	AAC24-410	Aerosol-Monsoon Interactions: Weather Patterns in a Changing Climate <i>Dr. Ahmad Fairudz Jamaluddin</i>
12:15 - 12:30	AAC24-348	AAC24-281	AAC24-145			
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch					

Time	Session					
12:30 -14:00	AAQR Editorial Board Luncheon					
14:00 - 15:30	Industrial Pocket Talk 📍 ROOM 8 & 9					
14:00- 15:00	Poster Session II & Exhibition					
	ORAL SESSION 3					
	📍 ROOM 2	📍 ROOM 3	📍 ROOM 4	📍 ROOM 5	📍 ROOM 6	📍 Hall A
	Nanoparticles & Nanotechnology (I)	Urban Aerosol & Air Quality (II)	Aerosol Instrumentation (I)	Airborne Microplastics (I)	VOC and secondary precursors	Symposium 3 Efficient Engineering Controls for COVID-19 and Other Airborne Diseases Chairperson: <i>Prof. Sheng-Hsiu Huang</i>
15:00 - 15:15	AAC24-28	AAC24-244	AAC24-65	AAC24-120	AAC24-42	Development of a High-Efficiency Source-Control Device for COVID-19 <i>Prof. Chih-Chieh Chen</i>
15:15 - 15:30	AAC24-39	AAC24-256	AAC24-101	AAC24-176	AAC24-53	
15:30 - 15:45	AAC24-67	AAC24-340	AAC24-112	AAC24-180	AAC24-77	Topic 1: Development of a Smart Respirator Topic 2: Experimental Study on Optimal CADR Filter Thickness of Air Purifier <i>Prof. Chih-Wei Lin</i>
15:45 - 16:00	AAC24-79	AAC24-353	AAC24-146	AAC24-233	AAC24-204	
16:00 - 16:15	AAC24-104	AAC24-366	AAC24-213	AAC24-239	AAC24-209	Development of a Smart Respirator <i>Prof. Sheng-Hsiu Huang</i>
16:15 - 16:30	AAC24-116	AAC24-306	AAC24-229	AAC24-273	AAC24-288	
16:30 - 16:45	AAC24-290	AAC24-275	AAC24-276	AAC24-332	AAC24-298	
16:45 - 17:00	AAC24-354		AAC24-278	AAC24-295		
17:00	Break and end of day 3					

Day 4, 6th Nov 2024 (WEDNESDAY)

Time	Session					
08:00 - 08:30	Registration					
08:30 - 09:00	Asian Young Aerosol Scientist Award Presentation					
09:00 - 10:00	<p align="center">Plenary Lecture 4 Chairperson: Prof. Puji Lestari</p> <p align="center">Assessment of Major Air Pollutants in the Urban Environment of Kuala Lumpur <i>Prof. Dr. Mohd Talib Latif</i></p>					
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break & Exhibition					
	ORAL SESSION 4					
	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4	ROOM 5	ROOM 6	Hall A
	Filter and Control Technology	Climate Change, Air Modeling, Meteorology (II) / Bioaerosol	Low Cost Sensor and Sensor Network / Emission Inventory	Indoor Air (III) / Local Biomass Burning	Aerosol-Climate Meteorology (II) / Remote Sensing / Airborne Microplastics	<p align="center">Symposium 4 Atmospheric Chemistry Chairperson: <i>Prof. Tawatchai Charinpanitk</i></p>
10:30 - 10:45	AAC24-75 -	AAC24-294	AAC24-222	AAC24-250	AAC24-203	Urban Aerosol Physicochemical Properties: Implications for Air Quality and Human Health <i>Prof. Ta-Chih (T.C.) Hsiao</i>
10:45 - 11:00	AAC24-99	AAC24-264	AAC24-371	AAC24-253	AAC24-377	
11:00 - 11:15	AAC24-102	AAC24-373	AAC24-403	AAC24-345	AAC24-384	Advancing Atmospheric Chemistry to Improve Air Quality and Human Health <i>Prof. Balasubramanian</i>
11:15 - 11:30	AAC24-119	AAC24-380	AAC24-388	AAC24-387	AAC24-47	
11:30 - 11:45	AAC24-152	AAC24-232	AAC24-169	AAC24-106	AAC24-305	Investigating the Levels of Indoor and Outdoor Particulate Matter In Six Southeast Asian Cities <i>Prof. Anil Namdeo</i>
11:45 - 12:00	AAC24-287	AAC24-247	AAC24-171	AAC24-317	AAC24-404	
12:00 - 12:15	AAC24-375	AAC24-286	AAC24-282	AAC24-378	AAC24-409	
12:15 - 12:30	AAC24-297	AAC24-293	AAC24-331		AAC24-299	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch					

Time	Session					
14:00 -15:00	<p align="center">Plenary Lecture 5 <i>Chairperson: Prof. Selahattin Incecik</i></p> <p align="center">Asia Air Quality Status and Trends 2023 <i>Mr. Bjarne Pedersen</i></p>					
	ORAL SESSION 5					
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	Aerosol Modeling / Aerosol Physics	(III) Aerosol Exposure and Health Affects / Urban Aerosol and Air Quality	(III) Aerosol Chemistry / (II) Nanoparticles and Nanotechnology	(II) Aerosol Instrumentation / (III) Nanoparticles and Nanotechnology	Air Pollution Sources & Mitigation Technologies	<p align="center">Symposium 5 Sustainable Climate Action <i>Chairperson:</i> <i>Prof. Zailina Binti Hashim</i></p>
15:00 - 15:15	AAC24-235	AAC24-411	AAC24-284	AAC24-312	AAC24-27	Potential Impacts on Air Pollutants and Future Climate I Southeast Asia
15:15 - 15:30	AAC24-318	AAC24-302	AAC24-289	AAC24-335	AAC24-314	<i>Prof. Selahattin Incecik</i>
15:30 - 15:45	AAC24-350	AAC24-313	AAC24-300	AAC24-336	AAC24-315	Emissions, Health Impacts and Cost of Illness Reductions and Energy Transition Scenarios
15:45 - 16:00	AAC24-80	AAC24-320	AAC24-333	AAC24-357	AAC24-316	<i>Prof. Dr. Budi Haryanto</i>
16:00 - 16:15	AAC24-83	AAC24-334	AAC24-356	AAC24-365		Indoor Environment and Climate Impacts on Children's Health
16:15 - 16:30	AAC24-231	AAC24-338	AAC24-271	AAC24-355		<i>Prof. Dr. Jamal Hisham Hashim</i>
16:30 - 16:45	AAC24-341	AAC24-389	AAC24-283	AAC24-394		Regional Cooperation as Key to Addressing Air Pollution and
16:45 - 17:00	AAC24-339					Climate Change in Asia <i>Ms. Glynda Bathan-Baterina</i>
17:00 - 17:30						A Breath of Fresh Air: Malaysia's Experience in Air Quality Management <i>Dr. Hii Yii Siang</i>
17:30	Break and end of day 4					
19:00 - 22:00	Grand Dinner at Hilton Hotel					

Day 5, 7th Nov 2024 (THURSDAY)

Time	Session
08:00 - 09:00	Kanomax Award Presentation
09:00 - 10:00	<p>Plenary Lecture 6 <i>Chairperson: Assc. Prof. Sr. Dr. Norhayati Mahyuddin</i></p> <p>Advancing Climate Action through Sustainable Renewable Energy: An Industrial Perspective <i>Mr. Marconi Madai</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break & Exhibition
10:50 - 12:30	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Speech by AARA President <i>Prof. Chih-Chieh Chen</i></p> <p>Closing Inauguration <i>Ts. Dr. Noor Zaitun Yahaya (AHEA UK)</i></p> <p>Award Ceremony</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Conference Ends and Lunch

Plenary Speakers

Plenary Speaker 1



The World Needs Solutions to Clean Up The Air We Breathe: Can Aerosol Science, Technology and Practice Deliver Them?

Monday, November 4, 2024, 09:00- 10:00

Distinguished Prof. Lidia Morawska
School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Biography

Lidia Morawska is a Distinguished Professor and Australian Laureate Fellow in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia. She is the Director of the International Laboratory for Air Quality and Health (ILAQH) at QUT, a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre on Air Quality and Health; the Centre Director for the ARC Training Centre for Advanced Building Systems Against Airborne Infection Transmission (THRIVE) hosted at QUT; a Vice-Chancellor Fellow, Global Centre for Clean Air Research (GCARE), University of Surrey, United Kingdom; an Adjunct Professor at the Institute for Environmental and Climate Research (ECI), at the Jinan University, Guangzhou, China; and a Co-Director in Australia for the Australia – China Centre for Air Quality Science and Management (ACC-AQSM). She conducts fundamental and applied research in the interdisciplinary field of air quality and its impact on human health and the environment, with a specific focus on science of airborne particulate matter. She is an author of >1,070 journal papers, book chapters and conference papers. Lidia has been involved at the executive level with a number of relevant national/international professional bodies, is an International Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences, Royal Society of Biology, and is acting as an advisor to the WHO. She is the recipient of numerous scientific awards including being named in the 2021 TIME100 annual list of the hundred most influential people in the world.

Abstract

Now more than ever we are aware of a multitude of risks we face in indoor and outdoor environments where we live, work and play. Many of these risks are related to the quality of the air we breathe: ambient particulate matter is one of the main risks, as well as airborne infection transmission. Particles in indoor and outdoor air originate from many different sources. Scientific knowledge about the emission, transformation, transport, and impact of particles is advanced, based on decades of research. However, in practice, we cannot protect ourselves from infectious respiratory particles, nor can we derive the exposure–response relationships of ultrafine particles or decide how to scale up the application of low-cost optical particle sensors for routine indoor air monitoring. There are missing elements in the jigsaw puzzle of science, technology, applications, and regulations that prevent us from achieving healthy, clean air for all. How can we complete this puzzle?

Plenary Speaker 2



Mitigating Aerosol Emissions from Transport Sources in Urban Hotspots

Monday, November 4, 2024, 14:00- 15:00

Prof. Dr. Konstantinos Eleftheriadis

Environmental Radioactivity & Aerosol technology for atmospheric & Climate impact Lab,
NCSR Demokritos NCSR “Demokritos”, Athens, Greece

Biography

Over 25 years of research experience related to aerosol physicochemical characterization, application of nuclear techniques to environmental studies and radioactivity including development of novel sampling and measurement techniques. He has established and is responsible for the Demokritos Regional Research Aerosol station, member of the Global Atmosphere Watch network (GAW-DEM), operating since 2007 and Helmos Mountain station since 2016. He has been actively involved in European initiatives for the development of standardized methods, through EUSAAR (European Supersites for Atmospheric Aerosol Research) and ACTRIS (Aerosols, Clouds, and Trace gases Research InfraStructure) activities. He has also served as an Expert in missions for the Regional IAEA/AFRA projects, as well as the National Counterpart for Greece in Regional IAEA programs. He has been the PI and coordinated for Demokritos several EU FP and National programs. Among these, he has coordinated the ENTEC Infrastructure REGPOT FP7 programme for Capacity Building the NCSR Demokritos atmospheric science and technology Infrastructure, led the DG-ENV LIFE+ ACCEPT-AIR, FROST DEFEND programmes and was PI for NCSR in the LIFE AIRUSE and LIFE-INDEX programmes. , He has more than 190 publications in peer reviewed journals regarding atmospheric aerosol science, measurement methodology and applications in radiation protection, air pollution and climate impact of atmospheric aerosol. President of the Hellenic Association for Aerosol Research (2015-2023), member of the Pan Eurasian Academy of Sciences

Abstract

Air Quality in urban areas and other hot spots, where transport emissions induce a large impact on human exposure, remains an environmental problem of high complexity attracting strong public interest. The European Commission has proposed revising the Ambient Air Quality Directive to improve Europe’s air quality. New suggested measures include tightening air quality limit values in alignment with WHO levels and improved monitoring of currently unregulated and emerging pollutants. The monitoring of emerging air quality parameters, such as ultrafine particles (UFP) and Black Carbon (BC), is beneficial in terms of gaining a better understanding of air pollution. Supporting and complementing the regular observation networks could underpin the efforts of governments and civil society to comply with the sought SDGs for sustainable cities and communities. Despite the strict Emission Standards, “real world” emissions from transport sources is accepted as a term, indicating a status of only partial success of current fossil fuel emission control, while the high significance of non-exhaust emissions is now recognized. The MI-TRAP project aims to improve the currently available Tools and services for air pollution mitigation from transport sources through a multi-dimensional approach. The project will develop and provide a suite of beyond the state of the art innovative monitoring Instrumentation package, data analysis tools to track emitted pollutants, enable systematic traffic management and evaluate the effectiveness of legislation and control measures. The project will be implemented in ten cities across Europe, aiming to characterize the footprint of transport emission sources and assess their impact on air quality and human health. MI-TRAP will provide the methodologies for collecting and utilizing data for unregulated and emerging transport related air pollutants, including solid particle number (SPN) and bare BC (bBC) (to bridge the gap between lab and real-world conditions), UFPs and number size distributions, non-refractory organics and inorganics, trace and major elements, exhaust gasses, and noise. These data will be complemented with real-time traffic metrics i.e. traffic density and fleet composition. Using novel analytical methodologies and tools, MI-TRAP will a) identify the specific footprint of transport emission sources and traffic-related super-polluters, b) evaluate the impact in ambient air of current emission standards, b) develop tools for short- and long- term assessment of the impact in air quality and human health Integrated platform. MI-TRAP will adopt the novel methodology enabling real-time assessment of the organic and carbonaceous aerosol sources. Specifically, real-time PMF source apportionment will be performed on the ACSM organic aerosol (OA) mass spectra, on the near real-time XRF data, as well as on equivalent black carbon (BC) decomposing it to its fossil fuel combustion (BC_{ff}) and biomass burning (BC_{bb}) fractions.

Plenary Speaker 3



Overview of the KPEX and Intensive Observations in line with the Overflights of ASIA-AQ in the Spring of 2024

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 09:00- 10:00

Distinguished Prof. Neng-Huei (George) Lin

National Central University

Editor-in-Chief Aerosol and Air Quality Research

Biography

Prof. Lin's researches are focused on physical and chemical processes of atmospheric pollutants including acid deposition, cloud chemistry and physics, biomass-burning aerosol, atmospheric mercury, and greenhouse gases, with emphasis on biomass-burning aerosol-cloud-radiative interaction in East and Southeast Asia (i.e. Seven South East Asian Studies, 7-SEAS), and atmospheric background measurements at Mt. Lulin (2,862 m, LABS) in past 20 years. Dr. Lin is also the program coordinator of the Taiwan Acid Rain Network. He has been heavily involved in many international field campaigns, such as ACE-Asia, ABC/EAREX, BASE-ASIA, 7-SEAS and Korea-Japan-HK-Taiwan Asian Continental Outflow Study, Asian Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN), etc. He is very active in international collaborations and was frequently invited as a speaker at AMS, AGU, AAC, and professional conferences, symposiums, and workshops. Dr. Lin has published more than 170 SCI papers. Dr. Lin is the Editor-in-Chief of Aerosol and Air Quality Research and has served on the Editorial Board of Atmospheric Environment and Asian Journal of Atmospheric Environment. He has been serving as a member of many technical and advisory committees on international, national, and ministry levels. He served as the Secretary in General, Vice President, and President of the Taiwan Association for Aerosol Research (TAAR) in 2000-2001, 2004-2008, and 2009-2011, respectively, and now is the Fellow and Honorary President of TAAR. Besides, he was elected as the Fellow of the Asian Aerosol Research Assembly (AARA) in 2019, and the Fellow of the Meteorological Society of ROC (Taiwan) in 2021.

Abstract

The Kao-Ping (Kao-Hsiung City and Ping-Tung County) Experiment (KPEX) was conducted in southern Taiwan in the spring of 2024 as the downwind receptor of the 7-SEAS (Seven SouthEast Asian Studies) campaigns in the biomass burning seasons over the northern region of peninsular Southeast Asia. The 7-SEAS's main purpose is to perform interdisciplinary research in the field of transboundary biomass-burning pollution, aerosol-meteorology, and climate interaction in the Southeast Asian region. Participating countries include Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, and the USA. While, KPEX particularly focused on the air pollution in southern Taiwan where is the most polluted and industrialized area with a complex terrain and atmospheric circulations. The comprehensive data collection included a dense network of more than 80 air quality stations, 12 PAMS (continuous measurements of photochemical compounds), 4 lidars of NASA/MPLNET, 7 AERONET sites, more than 10,000 PM 2.5 microsensors, and one high-altitude background station at Mt. Lulin (2,862 m, similar instrumentation to MLO, Hawaii) maintained by the Ministry of Environment of Taiwan (MOENV). This data provided an important anchor for the distribution of surface ozone, fine particulate matter, precursors, and columnar/vertical profiling of aerosol properties. During the KPEX, ground-based NASA/COMMIT (Chemical, Optical & Microphysical Measurements of In-situ Troposphere) mobile laboratory and one Taiwanese COMMIT-like trailer were additionally deployed, as well as several fully-equipped mobiles from MOENV and local agencies. In line with the NASA/ASIA-AQ (Airborne and Satellite Investigation of Asian Air Quality) four overflights of Taiwan on 15 and 28 February, and 15 and 27 March, KPEX specifically conducted four Intensive Observation Periods (IOPs), each for 48 hours, especially including the UAVs operated hourly at 3 sites for vertical canister and absorbing-tube VOCs sampling at multi layers and vertical profiling of aerosol and ozone, and intensive soundings launched every three hours at 4 sites. The aerosol chemistry, HAPs and POPs were also measured at specific surface stations. NASA's DC-8 and GIII aircrafts overflew with the payload of 26 sets of high-precision equipment and airborne lidars/spectrometers. The ultimate goals of this study are (1) To characterize the three-dimensional local circulation, air pollutants, and terrain effect for researching the causes of air pollution in southern Taiwan and validating the model simulations and emission inventory; (2) To advance the understanding of the formation and distribution mechanisms of secondary pollutants, long-range transport of polluted air mass and aging process, improving air pollution modeling, to enhance the assessment capacity on air pollution control; (3) To enhance the capability of precaution of pollution transboundary transport by synergetic ground-based measurements, satellite observation and modeling

Plenary Speaker 4



Assessment of Major Air Pollutants in the Urban Environment of Kuala Lumpur

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 09:00 - 10:00

Prof. Dr. Mohd Talib Latif

Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry and Air Pollution
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia

Biography

Mohd Talib Latif is a professor of Atmospheric Chemistry and Air Pollution at the Department of Earth Sciences and Environment, Faculty of Science and Technology, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM); and a fellow of the Malaysian Academy of Science (FASc). He completed his BSc in Chemistry and MSc in Environmental Science at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and his PhD at the School of Environmental Science, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom. Currently, he is Chairman of the Department of Earth Sciences and Environment, Faculty of Science and Technology Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. His main research work included the composition of atmospheric aerosols, atmospheric gases such as surface ozone and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). His research group has been working closely with government agencies in Malaysia such as the Malaysian Department of Environment (DOE) and the Malaysian Meteorological Department (Met Malaysia) in the area of atmospheric compositions and climate change. At the international level, he is actively involved with the research community within the Asian continent through International Global on Atmospheric Chemistry- Monsoon Asia (IGAC-MANGO) project. Since 2018 he has been appointed to one of the scientific steering committees for the Surface Ocean Lower Atmosphere Study (SOLAS). He participated in the 3rd IPCC Expert Meeting on short lived climate forces (SLCFs) in 2022. Mohd Talib has received the Top Research Scientist Malaysian (TRSM) Award from the Academy of Science Malaysia for his research and publication in 2018.

Abstract

Air quality in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, has been associated with various natural and anthropogenic sources and meteorological conditions. Air pollutants that show seasonal variations and frequently exceed the Malaysia Ambient Air Quality Standard (MAAQS) are particulate matter (PM) and surface ozone (O_3), predominantly related to the monsoon seasons. Other air pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), namely benzene, toluene, ethylene, and xylene (BTEX), were found to be recorded at the highest concentration near roadsides, usually associated with daily activities, particularly related to the number of motor vehicles on roads, industrial activities and combustion processes. Combustion from biomass burning during haze episodes increased the concentration of carcinogenic substances such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Several inorganic PM 2.5 compositions, such as sulfate and potassium, and organic molecules, such as levoglucosan (1,6-anhydro- β -D-glucopyranose), have been identified as indicators for biomass burning. Our latest study on persistent organic pollutants, polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) in Kuala Lumpur shows that the $\Sigma 17$ PCDD/PCDF concentration in ambient air was 736 ± 375 fg WHO-TEQ m^{-3} , whereas PM 2.5, TSP, and gaseous phase concentrations were 223 ± 161 fg WHO-TEQ m^{-3} , 337 ± 213 fg WHO-TEQ m^{-3} and 507 ± 273 fg WHO-TEQ m^{-3} , respectively. Exposure to the gaseous phase of $\Sigma 17$ PCDDs/PCDFs resulted in a greater inhalation lifetime cancer risk ($1.58E06$ - $5.28E-06$) than exposure to the particulate phases of TSP ($9.1E-07$ - $3.0E-06$) and PM 2.5 ($6.98E-07$ - $2.33E-06$).

Plenary Speaker 5



Asia Air Quality Status and Trends 2023

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 14:00 - 15:00

Mr. Bjarne Pedersen

Executive Director
Clean Air Asia (CAA)

Biography

Bjarne is the Executive Director of Clean Air Asia. Bjarne has a broad international experience, particularly in environmental issues and sustainable development, with a proven track record of achieving meaningful impact through strategic leadership, resource mobilization and team building at all levels. He has taken CAA through continuous growth both regionally as well as in China and India including broadening the work of Clean Air Asia to include the Air, Climate and Public Health nexus. Bjarne holds a MSc in Environmental Studies from Strathclyde University, Scotland.

Abstract

Bjarne Pedersen's presentation will focus on the "2023 Air Quality in Asia Status and Trends" which was prepared by Clean Air Asia as part of the 2023 Better Air Quality Conference (BAQ2023), with support from the Asian Development Bank Asia Clean Blue Skies Program. His presentation will cover the following topics:

(i) status of air quality monitoring in Asia including the number of air quality monitoring stations and degree of accessibility of air quality data in Asia, (ii) air quality trends in Asia including historical pollution trends and air pollution levels relative to WHO air quality guideline values, (iii) main emission sources in Asia based on emission inventories and source apportionment studies, and (iv) air quality policies and measures in Asia including (a) legal frameworks and strategies for air quality management, (b) status of air quality standards in Asia, (c) policies recognizing air pollution health impacts, (d) communicating air quality, (e) clean air action planning of cities in the region, (f) sectoral policies in transport, residential, agriculture, energy and waste sectors.

Plenary Speaker 6



Advancing Climate Action through Sustainable Renewable Energy: An Industrial Perspective

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 09:00 - 10:00

Mr. Marconi Madai

Senior Vice President of Health, Safety, Security & Environment (HSSE)
Sarawak Energy

Biography

Marconi Madai is the Senior Vice President of Health, Safety, Security & Environment (HSSE) at Sarawak Energy, where he leads a team of over 600 professionals dedicated to driving HSSE excellence in alignment with the Company's vision of achieving sustainable growth and prosperity for Sarawak by meeting the region's need for reliable, renewable energy. Since 2017, Marconi has been instrumental in further strengthening Sarawak Energy's safety culture, driving accountability across all levels. Key initiatives such as the Life-Saving Rules (LSR), Security Golden Rules, Contractor Transformation Programme (CTP), Contractor Environmental Compliance Award (CECA), and the Go Green Campaign, were introduced to enhance the company's health, safety, security, and environmental practices. Together with his team, the introduction of a consequence management framework has helped reduce workplace accidents, while the revised security strategy reinforced crisis management and risk assessment processes. Additionally, Marconi has been a strong advocate for sustainability, leading efforts in Circular Economy initiatives and chairing the Biodiversity Conservation Committee for environmental preservation. Marconi has extensive industry experience, having served in management positions in the chemical industry in Malaysia, where he developed standard operating procedures, oversaw compliance to standards, managed business risks and drove initiatives on human resources and CSR. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA in 1997.

Abstract

Sarawak Energy is an integrated energy development and power utility company and Malaysia's largest renewable energy developer with a vision to achieve sustainable growth and prosperity for Sarawak by meeting the region's need for reliable renewable and affordable energy. As a sign of commitment in advancing climate action, Sarawak Energy was the first Malaysian Company to sign the United Nation Global Compact's 'Business Ambition for 1.5o Celsius' Pledge and the first large corporation in Malaysia to have its near-term science-based targets to be officially approved by the Science Based Target initiative (SBTi). Sarawak Energy's current grid emission intensity stands at 0.199 tCO₂eq/MWh and aims to achieve a further reduction to 0.17 tCO₂eq/MWh in line with the 'Business 1.5oC' commitment – contributing to the Malaysian Government's target of reducing the nation's carbon emission intensity by 45% by the year 2030. Seventy percent of Sarawak Energy's generation mix is from hydropower. All hydropower facilities operated by Sarawak Energy are guided by the Hydropower Sustainability Standard (HSS), which addresses all aspects of social, environment, technical and economic sustainability. Apart from the existing hydropower facilities, Sarawak Energy is also exploring the development of cascading power sources and floating solar farms to further increase Sarawak's renewable energy footprint. To further strengthen Sarawak Energy's contribution towards climate action, the Company has embedded Nature Based Solutions through Sarawak Energy's Tree Planting, Protection and Habitat Restoration Campaign 2021 to 2030 with the objective of protecting and planting 500,000 trees by year 2030. Sarawak Energy has also developed its Circular Economy Framework to embrace circularity in its business operation.

Symposium Speakers

Symposium 1: Emerging Technologies



Ultralow Emission Control Technologies and Advanced Monitoring Devices for PM_{2.5} and Nanoparticles

Monday, November 4, 2024, 15:00 - 15:30

Prof. Dr. Chuen-Jinn Tsai

Lifetime Chair Professor

Institute of Environmental Engineering

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU)

Biography

Dr. Chuen-Jinn Tsai is Lifetime Chair Professor of the Institute of Environmental Engineering, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU, formerly NCTU, National Chiao Tung University), Taiwan. He graduated from National Taiwan University and received Ph. D. in 1990 in the Particle Technology Laboratory (PTL), Mechanical Engineering Department, University of Minnesota. In the last ~34 years since he joined NYCU in 1990, he has applied aerosol technology successfully in advancing air pollution sampling, monitoring and control technologies. He won distinguished research awards from Taiwan National Science and Technology Council (NSTC, formerly National Science Council) three times and was promoted as NYCU Lifetime Chair Professor in 2023. In 2022, he received the distinguished MOST fellow award from MOST. Professor Chuen-Jinn is one of the key founding members of TAAR (Taiwan Association for Aerosol Research in Taiwan), and AARA (Asian Aerosol Research Assembly) for which he had served as the Presidents. He has served as the Editor-in-Chief, Co-Editors-in-Chief and Editor for nearly 21 years for AAQR (Aerosol and Air Quality Research, <http://www.aaqr.org/>) since 2003. He received the 2006 International Aerosol Fellow (IAF) award from the IARA (International Aerosol Research Assembly, www.iara.org), 2015 Asian Aerosol Fellow and 2012 Fellow of Taiwan Association for Aerosol Research (TAAR) to recognize his outstanding research, technical development, education and service contributions to aerosol science and technology. In 2018, Taiwan PM_{2.5} Control Association (PMCA, pmca.tw) was founded by him and colleagues to promote air environmental monitoring and control industry in Taiwan and help Taiwan and ASEAN Countries improve air quality for better health and welfare. He currently serves as the honorary PMCA president after serving as the president for two terms (2018-2022). (chuen-jinn-tsai.org)

Abstract

To improve air quality, controlling PM_{2.5}, nanoparticles and precursor gases from industrial sources is very critical. For this purpose, an effective honeycomb wet scrubber (HWS) and a novel WEP (wet electrostatic precipitator) have been designed and tested. The HWS has a high specific surface area (e.g. 480 m²/m³) with high removal efficiency for mixed acid gases (>95%) in high-tech industry while the pressure drop is kept to be very low at about 80 Pa. A hybrid air pollution control system combining CT (cooling tower)-HWS-WEP was pilot-tested to remove SO₂ and PM_{2.5} emissions very efficiently (>99%) achieving ultralow emission control, while the white smoke was also eliminated at the same time. For advanced air pollutant monitoring, our group has improved the accuracy of impactor-based size classifiers for PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and PM_{0.1} by using Non-Bouncing Impactor (NBI) techniques for mass and number concentration measurements. Based on the NBI, a new Novel Electrostatic Particle Sizer (NEPS) has further been developed and tested recently to obtain ambient nanoparticle number distributions which are in good agreement with those of the commercial SMPS in a long-term field monitoring study. This talk will present these novel technologies in a hope to improve the monitoring and control methods for a better air environment.



Humanizing Technology: Key to Lower Carbon Mobility via Aerosol Emission Management

Monday, November 4, 2024, 15:30 - 16:00

Dato' Prof. Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah

Vice Chancellor

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

Biography

Dato' Prof. Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah is presently the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Professor in Transport Studies. Between March 2017 and April 2021, he was appointed as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) of USM. Preceding his term as Deputy Vice Chancellor, he was both the Dean of the School of Civil Engineering and the Director of the USM's Engineering campus. He is widely regarded as a leading expert in transport matters in Malaysia. He was the founding member of the Commission Member of the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD), and was made the Interim Chairman from 2017 until the day SPAD was decommissioned by the government. As a commission member, he has helped to steer the organisation and the public transport strategies of the country. He was appointed as the Director General of the Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MIROS) between 2008 and 2011, and was critical behind many road safety strategies of the country. He is still very active championing road safety in Malaysia. In 2016, Ministry of Transport (MOT) Malaysia appointed him as the Cluster Head for the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) for MOT on road safety. For his work in road safety, he was accorded the Road Safety Icon Award by the Road Transport Department Malaysia (JPJ) in 2015. He has been advising the Penang State government and was instrumental behind the Penang Road Safety Strategies 2014-2020, the only state in Malaysia with such initiative. He continues to be the champion of road safety, and has been advocating for a new approach for road safety in order to produce the desired results. In Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Farhan was acknowledged for his leadership qualities very early in his career.

Abstract

The positive correlation between vehicular mobility and aerosol emissions has long been established. Consequently, many nations aspire to achieve low-carbon mobility as part of their sustainable mobility strategies, while simultaneously managing aerosol emissions more effectively. The advancement of technology is often cited as a key enabler for various strategies aimed at achieving lower carbon mobility. These technologies can enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of numerous approaches, such as reducing vehicular mobility, promoting active transportation, managing modal splits, improving vehicle technology, optimizing infrastructure, and achieving a balance between demand and supply. However, many of these technologies have not reached their full potential, resulting in numerous initiatives falling short of their intended outcomes and failing to meet the desired low-carbon mobility targets. This presentation will argue for the need to humanize technology to ensure that its application yields better results in terms of achieving lower carbon mobility and more effective management of aerosol emissions.



Application of Environmental Magnetism on Atmospheric Aerosols

Monday, November 4, 2024, 16:00 - 16:30

Assoc. Prof. Atsushi Matsuki

Institute of Nature and Environmental Technology,
Kanazawa University, Japan.

Biography

Atsushi Matsuki, is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Nature and Environmental Technology, Kanazawa University, Japan. He holds a Ph.D. and MSc in Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry from Nagoya University, and a BSc in Marine Science from Tokai University. His research has focused on the long-range transport of mineral dust, as demonstrated in his Ph.D. thesis on the persistence of background KOSA in the East Asia-Western Pacific region. Matsuki has held various academic positions, including Specially Appointed Assistant Professor at Kanazawa University and JSPS Research Fellow at Université Clermont-Auvergne (former Université Blaise Pascal) in France and Kanazawa and Nagoya Universities in Japan. His work includes establishing the Noto Ground-Based Research Observatory and participating in international aircraft campaigns to measure cloud residual particles.

His research interests include aerosol-cloud interactions, heterogeneous chemistry of aerosols, and individual particle analysis. He has developed new analytical methods for characterizing aerosols and has provided field evidence of humidity-dependent gaseous uptake by aeolian mineral dust. Matsuki is a member of the Japan Society of Atmospheric Chemistry, Japan Association of Aerosol Science and Technology (JAAST), and the Meteorological Society of Japan. He has served on the JAAST committee and is an editor for several journals, including *Aerosol and Air Quality Research* and *Atmosphere*. He has received numerous awards, including the Young Scientists' Prize from Japan's MEXT, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan and the Young Aerosol Researcher Award from Japan Association of Aerosol Science and Technology (JAAST).

Abstract

Iron oxide (FeOx) particles are emitted from human activities (e.g., fossil fuel combustion, traffic, and steelworks) and natural soil/desert dust sources. Such FeOx aerosols have been increasingly concerning due to their toxicity and associated health risks, as well as their light absorbing nature, which potentially promotes global warming. FeOx, including magnetite (Fe₃O₄), maghemite (γ-Fe₂O₃) and hematite (α-Fe₂O₃), are representative minerals that can be detected as magnetic particles (MPs) by environmental magnetic analyses. It is expected to be highly sensitive to certain metal-containing or crustal aerosols. However, to date, no studies have attempted to rigorously distinguish the relative contribution of Asian dust (AD) and anthropogenic emissions on aerosol magnetic properties in a region under direct influence of Asian continental outflow. In this study, This talk will present and evaluated the applicability of environmental magnetism as a novel approach for the source identification of atmospheric aerosols.

Symposium 2: Impacts of Biomass-Burning Emissions in Southeast Asia



Gaseous & Particulate Matter Emission Measured From Tropical Peatland Burning in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 10:30 - 11:00

Prof. Puji Lestari

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Biography

Puji Lestari is a Professor in Air Quality Management and atmospheric chemistry at Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering (FCEE), Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB). She received her Ph.D degree in Environmental Engineering, major in air pollution from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, USA in 1996. She is currently appointed as a Chair of Research Group on Air and Waste Management of ITB. Her research interest includes air quality monitoring and modeling, aerosol characterization and speciation from different sources including biomass burning, emission inventory and source apportionment. She also conducts research on emission characteristic from various sources such as transport, residential cooking, biomass burning (agriculture and peatland burning) and industries burning waste and biomass. Since 1999, Dr Lestari has been leading as a Project Investigator for many national and International research projects on air quality and atmospheric chemistry. She also has many peer review publications and many international collaborations with many international Universities and Research institutes such as AIT, KCL, Dalhousie Univ, The Univ of Tokyo, US NASA, NIES-Japan, WRI and ICCT-USA. In 2018 she is invited to serve as a Panel member of Development Methodology for GHG Emission Reduction strategy in Indonesia and become a member of expert panel of IPCC in developing emission inventory methodology for SLCP. She also involved in many professional organization activities such as 7SEAS, IGAC mango, IBBI, PII, and CAI Asia etc, In 2023, she established Indonesia Aerosol Association (IAA) and become the first president of IAA.

Abstract

Peatland and forest fire occurred regularly in Indonesia especially in Sumatra and Kalimantan where the peatland areas are mostly located. The impact of peatland fires become a global concern due to the gaseous and particulate matter generated from this peatland fire. This study aimed to develop field emission factors of gaseous pollutants, PM_{2.5}, OC/EC, and water-soluble ions, and to estimate the total gas and particulate emissions from peatland fires. This study was conducted in Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan, in September 2019 during the main fire episode. Gas samples were collected using the LGR-ICOS analyzer at a flow rate of 0.5 L/min. In comparison, particulate pollutant samples were collected using two Airmetrics Mini Volume Portable Air Samplers at a flow rate of 5 L/min with Quartz fiber and PTFE filters. For further analysis, quartz fiber filters were used for carbon aerosols, while PTFE filters were used for water-soluble inorganic ions. The gaseous emission factors determined in this study for CO₂, CO, and CH₄ were 1589.5 ± 41.8 g/kg, 236.5 ± 25.7 g/kg, and 5.4 ± 1.3 g/kg, respectively. Meanwhile, the emission factors for PM_{2.5}, OC, EC, and water-soluble inorganic ions, were 27.8 ± 41.8 g/kg, 18.1 ± 8.9 g/kg, 0.25 ± 0.06 g/kg, 1.7 ± 0.7 g/kg, and 62.5 ± 32.3 mg/kg, respectively. With peat burned density of 0.11 g/cm³, a burned depth of 37 cm, and a total area burned of 317,749 ha, peatland fires in Central Kalimantan in 2019 had emitted CO₂, CO, PM_{2.5}, total carbon aerosol, and water-soluble ions, about 34.9 ± 0.9 Tg, 5.3 ± 0.6 Tg, 0.6 ± 0.3 Tg, 0.4 ± 0.2 Tg, and 36.7 ± 15.9 Gg, respectively.



PBL Meteorology and Diurnal Variation of Smoke in Foothill Regions based on UAV, AERONET, and Aerosol Lidar Observations

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 11:00 - 11:30

Prof. Sheng-Hsiang (Carlo) Wang

Professor in Atmospheric Sciences
National Central University

Biography

Dr. Sheng-Hsiang (Carlo) Wang has long been dedicated to the study of atmospheric radiation and aerosols, with a focus on the optical properties of aerosols and their radiative effects. In recent years, Dr. Wang has actively participated in the 7-SEAS international research program, conducting field observation experiments in Thailand and Vietnam to gain a deeper understanding of the optical properties and vertical distribution of aerosols in the major biomass burning emission areas of northern Indochina. Additionally, he has been involved in the establishment of the Taiwan Lidar Network to study the vertical distribution characteristics of aerosols, the background atmospheric radiation monitoring stations, the development of unmanned aerial vehicle observation technology to address shortcomings in atmospheric vertical observation, and the development of miniature sensors to construct environmental Internet of Things (IoT) technology.

Abstract

The foothills present a unique environment where meteorological conditions significantly influence air quality due to complex terrain and localized weather phenomena (e.g., mountain-valley breezes). In Southeast Asia, millions of people reside in foothill regions, making them particularly vulnerable to air quality issues exacerbated by both natural and anthropogenic factors. This presentation explores the intricate interactions between Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL) meteorology and smoke aerosols in foothill regions, leveraging Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology for enhanced data collection and analysis. By utilizing UAV, AERONET, and aerosol lidar observations and a network of low-cost PM_{2.5} sensors collected during a field campaign in Fang, Chiang Mai, Thailand, in March 2019, we investigate the characteristics of the PBL and the diurnal variation of aerosol dispersion. Results indicate that easterly winds and high PM_{2.5} concentrations dominate in the morning, transitioning to turbulent westerly winds in the afternoon, which enhance pollutant mixing. However, on high pollution days, a stable PBL structure leads to significant aerosol accumulation below 400 meters. The studies highlight the influence of complex terrain and meteorological conditions on haze formation, with nocturnal air quality deteriorating due to stable atmospheric conditions and katabatic flow, resulting in increased PM_{2.5} concentrations at night. Together, these findings provide crucial insights into the interactions between biomass burning, aerosol dynamics, and air quality, contributing to a deeper understanding of regional pollution mechanisms and informing future research and policy initiatives.



Reduction of Emissions from Biomass Burning in Malaysia: Challenges and Way Forward

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 11:30 - 12:00

Prof. Zailina Binti Hashim

Professor of Environmental Health
Universiti Putra Malaysia

Biography

Prof. Dr. Zailina Hashim was a Professor of Environmental Health (EH) in UPM. Her field of specialization is Environmental Health Risk Sciences and Children's Environmental Health. Her Ph.D degree was from the University of Michigan, USA. She introduced the BSc degree programme in Environmental and Occupational Health at UPM in 1998 and has been in the academia for 37 years. She is also an Expert Member of NEHAP under the Ministry of Health.

Abstract

Air pollutant emissions from the biomass and open burning thrust area or sector may not be a significant contributor to the overall pollutant emission load for Malaysia, except maybe during the occasional haze periods, due to transboundary sources of open burning of forest or agriculture lands from overseas. Air emissions from biomass and open burning activities are well addressed in our National Policy on Environment. The Malaysian government has implemented various laws and regulations to manage and control biomass burning.

The current status of emissions in Malaysia due to biomass, and open burning from various data published in literatures, government documents and report on biomass burning were reviewed. The focus manage and control open burning are as follow: i) To prevent open burning activities through strengthening policy, law and legislation enforcement ii) To strengthen the prevention management of open burning of peatland, and agricultural waste, through the implementation of action plans iii) To curb transboundary haze.

Key regulations on biomass burning in Malaysia is the Environmental Quality Act 1974 (EQA 1974). Under Section 29A, open burning is prohibited except in certain circumstances where permits are granted by Department of Environment (DOE). Violation of this law can result in penalties. Some exceptions to the open burning ban are allowed under the Environmental Quality (Declared Activities) Open Burning Order 2003, including: Controlled burning for religious or cultural reasons, agricultural disease prevention and residue management if authorized by DOE. The National Action Plan on Open Burning 2019 is Malaysia's national action plan aimed at controlling and reducing open burning, particularly during dry seasons, to prevent air pollution and public health issues caused by haze. The National Biomass Action Plan 2023-2030 aims to position Malaysia as a leader in sustainable energy through the enhanced utilization of biomass resources, primarily focusing on oil palm biomass. In addition, the National Action Plan on Peatland 2011, highlights the importance of maintaining peatlands not only to protect biodiversity and ecosystems but also to prevent carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. Malaysia supports the Roadmap on ASEAN Cooperation towards Transboundary Haze Pollution Control with Means of Implementation as well as empowering the National Haze Action Plan. Challenges on biomass burning include the following: Remote and inaccessible areas, limited resources, lack of public awareness, economic pressures, coordination among agencies, lack in detection and reporting facilities, and complex legal processes. Strategy and action plans in the control and management of biomass burning are incorporated in the Proposed Framework for the 2025-2040 National Clean Air Master Plan. From the strategies and action plans included, emissions from biomass burning can be further controlled and reduced.

In view of the prevailing scenario on air quality in Malaysia, the government's aspiration to improve ambient air quality, it is imperative to assess and control the sources of biomass and open burning which contribute to poor air quality, even though their contributions may be small.



Aerosol-Monsoon Interactions: Weather Patterns in a Changing Climate

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 12:00 - 12:30

Dr. Ahmad Fairudz Jamaluddin

Senior Meteorologist

Malaysian Meteorological Department Malaysia

Biography

Dr. Ahmad Fairudz B. Jamaluddin is a senior meteorologist with over 25 years of professional experience at the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia). He has served as the Director of the Atmospheric Science and Cloud Seeding Division since October 2019. In this role, he is responsible for the operation of atmospheric composition monitoring systems, including the Global Atmospheric Watch (GAW) stations, as well as the early warning systems for air pollution caused by haze, volcanic eruptions, and space weather. Dr. Ahmad Fairudz holds a Ph.D. in climate studies from the National University of Malaysia, with a focus on the Southeast Asia region. He is actively involved in national climate change initiatives and serves as the Co-Chair of the Technical Working Group on Research and Systematic Observations for Malaysia's 4th National Communication (NC4) under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Abstract

It is undeniable that climate extreme has increasingly affected Malaysia in recent times. Recordings of increased extreme convective events modulated by tropical depressions and storms, heatwave events and annual temperature trends requires Malaysia to undertake adequate measures to monitor climate change. As such, in this presentation, recent updates on the atmospheric composition monitoring network of MET Malaysia and its utilization towards observations supporting climate change monitoring is given. The range of activities discussed in this presentation will mainly cover monitoring of greenhouse gases, ozone and acid deposition; and air quality modelling works being presently undertaken. Trends of pH and concentrations of cations and anions deposited across different regional classifications are used to picture the acid deposition phenomenon in Malaysia. Recent trends in stratospheric ozone across Malaysia and Indonesia seem to be indicating reduction in convective activity leading to increase in free tropospheric ozone.

Symposium 3: Efficient Engineering Controls for COVID-19 and Other Airborne Diseases



Development of a High-Efficiency Source-Control Device for COVID-19
Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 15:00 - 15:30

Prof. Chih-Chieh Chen

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Biography

Chih-Chieh Chen received his Ph.D. in Environmental Health from the University of Cincinnati in 1991 and subsequently joined NIOSH in Cincinnati, Ohio. After joining the National Taiwan University in 1993, he continued his doctoral research on respiratory protection. He expanded his research scope to the comprehensive aspects of aerosol technology, including aerosol generation, sampling, measurement, and control. Dr. Chen is involved in many professional associations promoting environmental and occupational hygiene.

Abstract

COVID-19 is primarily spread through aerosols. Humans produce aerosol emissions when they cough, sneeze, or breathe. Source control is the most effective means of reducing emissions from the perspective of the control hierarchy. Preventing particles exhaled by infected people from contaminating the environment is critical to breaking the chain of transmission of COVID-19. This study aims to develop a breath-responsive personal exhaled aerosol receiver (BR-PEBAR) to capture exhaled particles without burdening the wearer's breathing.

BR-PEBAR comprised a hood, a connecting tube, a filter unit, and a fan powered by a lithium battery. A pressure-sensor-based microprocessor controlled the autofeedback following the breathing pattern. A mannequin and a breathing machine simulated actual wearing and breathing conditions. The capture efficiency of BR-PEBAR was evaluated in an aerosol chamber to validate the aerosol capture efficiency and optimize the design. A condensation particle counter was used to measure the aerosol concentrations upstream and upstream of the BR-PEBAR, to determine the capture efficiency

The results showed that the hood's optimal height, width, and thickness were 3 cm, 10 cm, and 2 cm, respectively. The 3D transparent sheet was designed to adjust the distance between the sheet and the face. The design of retaining air volume effectively minimized the interaction of the exhaled airflow with the environment. The BR-PEBAR achieved 99.9% capture efficiency without creating significant negative pressure inside the BR-PEBAR. The current version of the centrifugal fan could cope with the peak flow of 100 L/min after overcoming the resistance of an N95 grade filter cartridge, and made it suitable for most of the medium load works.

The hood can be worn with ear straps or headbands depending on the total weight of the face piece and part of the connecting tube. The heavier components of the system could be hung from the neck strap or tied to the waist belt for comfort. The connecting line might become an obstacle for certain operations. In that case, a half-face type respirator with a carefully designed cross-sectional area slot in the nose bridge might be easier to operate. If necessary, the capture efficiency could be increased by adjusting the baseline negative pressure within the hood, but that would be at the expense of the shorter service life of the filter and the battery.

The BR-PEBAR has high capture efficiency and comfort. It can contain viral aerosols and control airborne diseases by preventing exhaled particles from contaminating the environment. Patients with airborne diseases should wear a BR-PEBAR. If this novel device is well promoted and wearers understand how it works and how to wear it correctly, there will be no more quarantines and lockdowns when the next virus hits.



Topic 1: Study on Performance Test Methods of Air Cleaners
Topic 2: Experimental Study on Optimal CADR Filter Thickness of Air Purifier

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 15:30 - 16:00

Asst. Prof. Chih-Wei Lin

Institute of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences,
National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

Biography

Chih-Wei Lin, Ph.D., earned his doctorate in occupational medicine and industrial hygiene from National Taiwan University in 2012. After completing postdoctoral research at National Taiwan University, he became a project assistant professor there. His research focuses on aerosol technology, industrial hygiene, and industrial ventilation.

Abstract

Abstract Topic 1: Study on Performance Test Methods of Air Cleaners

During the pandemic, people spent more hours than usual indoors. However, contaminated air increased the risk of contracting COVID-19. The most common way to purify indoor air is by using air cleaners. This study centers on evaluating and maximizing the Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR), a metric that quantifies the volume of purified air provided by air cleaners. First, two testing methods—CADR Pull Down (CADR PD) and CADR Single Pass (CADR SP)—were examined. The results show that CADR PD can be affected by particle size distribution, unlike CADR SP , which is not influenced because it is determined by the Most Penetrating Particle Size (MPPS). Second, filter thickness is used as a parameter to maximize the CADR. The study concludes that for each fan and filter combination, an optimal filter thickness exists to maximize CADR, which is crucial for enhancing air purifier efficiency and longevity. The findings recommend slightly reducing filter thickness below the optimal CADR thickness to prolong filter life while maintaining effectiveness. This study provides practical insights for improving the design and performance of air purifiers used in indoor environments.

Abstract Topic 2 Experimental Study on Optimal CADR Filter Thickness of Air Purifier

Many air purifiers use high-efficiency filters to maximize the Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR); however, theoretically, a filter with higher efficiency may have a higher pressure drop, which can lower the airflow rate and result in a reduced CADR. This study investigates the relationship between filter thickness and the CADR of air purifiers. A homemade air purifier with varying filter thicknesses and fan powers was utilized. Results indicated that while filtration efficiency increases with thicker filters, the optimal CADR is achieved at a specific filter thickness. The study concludes that for each fan and filter combination, there is an optimal filter thickness to maximize CADR, which is crucial for enhancing air purifier efficiency and longevity. The findings recommend slightly reducing filter thickness below the optimal CADR thickness to prolong filter life while maintaining effectiveness. This study provides practical insights for improving the design and performance of air purifiers used in indoor environments.



Development of a Smart Respirator

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 16:00- 16:30

Prof. Sheng-Hsiu Huang

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National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

Biography

Sheng-Hsiu Huang earned his Ph.D. in occupational hygiene from the Institute of Occupational Medicine and Industrial Hygiene at National Taiwan University (NTU) in 2001. After four years of alternative military service at the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in Taiwan, he joined the NTU Aerosol Research Laboratory, founded in 1993 by Professor Chih-Chieh Chen, as a project-appointed researcher. He is an assistant professor at NTU's Institute of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. Dr. Huang specializes in the generation and measurement of aerosols. His research focuses on engineering control of respiratory infectious diseases, air filtration, lung deposition, aerosol therapy, aerosol emissions and monitoring, respiratory protection, and the development of aerosol instruments.

Abstract

The viral photos titled "Mark of Glory," depicting exhausted medical staff with bruises from wearing protective gear, sparked public appreciation and emphasized the need for improved protective equipment. In response, this study modified a half-facepiece elastomeric respirator into a lightweight, breath-responsive powered air-purifying respirator (BR-PAPR). A miniature centrifugal blower was designed using 3-D printing technology. A breath-responsive (BR) system was developed to adapt airflow to the user's breathing patterns. The BR-PAPR maintains a minimum positive pressure in the facepiece and effectively reduces the discomfort caused by wearing the respirator. This prototype highlights the potential for further improvements in PAPR design through advancements in blower and sensor technology, enhancing comfort and efficacy for healthcare professionals.

Symposium 4: Atmospheric Chemistry



Urban Aerosol Physicochemical Properties: Implications for Air Quality and Human Health

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 10:30 - 11:00

Prof. Ta-Chih (T.C.) Hsiao

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Biography

Ta-Chih Hsiao is a professor at the Graduate Institute of Environmental Engineering at National Taiwan University, where he brings a wealth of expertise in civil and environmental engineering. Born and educated in Taiwan, he completed his B.S. in Civil Engineering at National Taiwan University before moving to the United States to further his education. He holds an M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in Energy, Environmental and Chemical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis. During his doctoral studies, he was honored as a McDonnell International Scholar. Following his Ph.D., Professor Hsiao was appointed to a prestigious NRC postdoctoral position at the National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory, part of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health under the CDC, USA. His research focuses on a range of critical topics within environmental engineering, including the measurement, monitoring, and control of particulate matter; particle instrumentation and characterization; nanoparticle generation and physics; aerosol and cloud microphysics; and the toxicity of PM and nanoparticles/ultrafine particles. Professor Hsiao's contributions to science and education have been recognized with numerous awards. Recently, in 2022, he received both the Research Achievement Award and the Teaching Excellence Award from the College of Engineering at National Taiwan University. His commitment to research was highlighted in 2018 when he was awarded the Distinguished Young Scholar Research Proposal from the Ministry of Science and Technology in Taiwan to investigate the effects of particle morphology on CCN activation ratio and hygroscopicity. An active participant in the international scientific community, Professor Hsiao has served on the International Advisory Board for the 21st Conference on Nucleation & Atmospheric Aerosols and as a member of the International Advisory Committee for the 11th International Aerosol Conference. He is also the Vice President of the Taiwan Association for Aerosol Research since 2022 and has been an editorial board member for the Journal of Hazardous Materials Letters since 2020. Professor Hsiao's editorial roles include serving as the editor of Aerosol and Air Quality Research since 2017 and as guest editor for special issues on long range transported air pollutants. His ongoing affiliation as a Graduate Faculty Member at Virginia Commonwealth University since 2016 further underscores his commitment to advancing environmental engineering education globally.

Abstract

Urban aerosols significantly impact air quality, visibility, and human health in densely populated areas. Traditional air quality standards, primarily focused on mass concentrations of $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} , may not adequately represent true environmental and health risks. Key aerosol properties such as particle size distribution (PSD), chemical composition, hygroscopicity, optical properties, lung-deposited surface area (LDSA), and oxidative potential (OP) play crucial roles in determining their effects. In terms of visibility impairment, fine particles in the accumulation mode (0.1–1 μm) are the primary contributors due to their efficiency in scattering and absorbing light. Factors such as high particulate nitrate levels, hygroscopic growth, and specific PSDs can significantly increase the aerosol extinction coefficient (b_{ext}), leading to reduced visibility even when overall $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations have improved. The mass scattering efficiency (MSE) of aerosols is influenced by chemical composition and volatile components, highlighting the need to consider these factors independently of total PM mass. Ultrafine particles (UFPs, <100 nm), although less impactful on visibility, pose significant health risks. Due to their small size, UFPs can penetrate deep into the respiratory system and translocate to other organs, potentially leading to pulmonary inflammation, cardiovascular diseases, and neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Traffic emissions, including both exhaust and non-exhaust sources like brake and tire wear, are major contributors of UFPs in urban environments. The shift towards electric vehicles may reduce tailpipe emissions but could inadvertently increase non-exhaust emissions, including iron-containing magnetic particles that catalyze the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and contribute to oxidative stress. Traditional PM mass metrics overlook the significance of UFPs due to their negligible contribution to total mass. Measuring UFPs using instruments like Scanning Mobility Particle Sizers (SMPS) is often impractical due to cost and complexity. In this context, lung-deposited surface area (LDSA) emerges as a valuable physical indicator. LDSA accounts for the surface area of particles likely to deposit in the respiratory tract, providing a more relevant metric for assessing exposure to UFPs. It bridges the gap between particle number concentration and mass concentration, offering a practical alternative for

evaluating the health impacts of aerosols where detailed PSD measurements are unavailable. Oxidative potential (OP), a chemical indicator measuring the capacity of particles to generate reactive oxygen species, complements LDSA by providing insight into the chemical toxicity of aerosols. The chemical composition of aerosols, particularly the presence of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals, independently influences OP. Photochemical aging processes transform primary pollutants into more redox-active compounds, such as quinones and nitro-PAHs, enhancing aerosol toxicity regardless of particle size. Observations have shown that decreases in PAH concentrations due to photochemical reactions correlate with increases in OP, emphasizing the importance of chemical transformations in assessing health impacts. We call for a multidimensional approach to urban aerosol characterization. By independently evaluating LDSA as a physical exposure metric and OP as a chemical toxicity metric—alongside PSD, chemical composition, hygroscopicity, and optical properties—we can gain a comprehensive understanding of aerosol impacts on air quality, visibility, and human health. Utilizing LDSA provides a cost-effective means to assess the health risks associated with UFPs, while OP offers detailed insights into chemical-related toxicity. Recognizing the limitations of mass concentration-based air quality standards, there is a pressing need for regulatory strategies that incorporate advanced metrics like LDSA and OP. By integrating these indicators, we can more accurately estimate health risks and develop targeted strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of urban air pollution. Such an integrated assessment is essential for effective urban air quality management, allowing addressing both the physical and chemical dimensions of particulate matter to protect public health and improve environmental conditions.



Advancing Atmospheric Chemistry to Improve Air Quality and Human Health

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 11:00 - 11:30

Professor Balasubramanian

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Biography

Professor Balasubramanian (Bala) is a tenured Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at National University of Singapore (NUS). He has established an internationally recognized research program in Atmospheric Chemistry at NUS. The main goal of his interdisciplinary research is to advance understanding of environmental issues on scales ranging from local to global, and to develop cost-effective technologies to mitigate these impacts. He has carried out his collaborative research projects in several countries. He has recently led a multi-national, multi-institutional collaborative project to provide new insights into assessment and mitigation of human exposure to airborne particles in diverse urban microenvironments. Results of his work help to formulate regulatory policies to tackle complex air pollution problems. His work also addresses several aspects of climate change including its mitigation and adaptation. Prof Bala's research has resulted in more than 280 papers in scholarly journals with an H-index of 88 and 24,300 citations, 22 book chapters and 1 book. He is a highly cited researcher. He has delivered numerous plenary and keynote lectures in international conferences. He has received many research awards including "Alan Berman Research Publication Award (Department of the Navy (USA))", "Highly Cited Research Article Award (Elsevier)" and "PROSE (Professional and Scholarly Excellence) Award". He has also received numerous teaching awards. He has been recognized among top 100 scientists in Asia based on his research contributions (Asian Magazine, 2017). He is a Lead Author for the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)'s 6th Global Environment Outlook Report. He is a member of the Science Panel of the Asia-Pacific Clean Air Partnership (APCAP), appointed by UNEP. He is Vice-President of IUAPPA (International Union of Air Pollution Prevention and Environmental Protection Associations). He is an Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Prof Bala is an Editor of Aerosol and Air Quality Research and on the editorial board of several international journals including Atmosphere and Scientific Reports. He is currently holding the title of Keppel Professor in Sustainability Solutions (Endowed Chair Professorship) in recognition of his international reputation.

Abstract

Air pollution represents one of the most critical human health issues we face today. The World Health Organization (WHO) reported that approximately 7 million premature deaths occur worldwide every year due to human exposure to air pollutants in both outdoor and indoor environments. To tackle air pollution problems, it is important for us to understand the chemical behaviour, fate, transport, transformation of air pollutants, and their adverse effects on environmental and human health by conducting field measurements and fundamental laboratory studies together with chemical transport models. Atmospheric chemistry integrates these activities and thus plays an important role in formulating air pollution control policies as well as in developing technological solutions. We have carried out extensive research over the years in Southeast Asia to study urban and regional air quality problems with an emphasis on the size and composition of atmospheric particles and gas-to-particle conversion processes. We have also characterized air pollution exposure for epidemiological and toxicological research and quantified the effectiveness of various mitigation strategies. This presentation will discuss the most important scientific advances in recent years in the field of atmospheric chemistry based on our work and offer suggestions for future research to address emerging air quality challenges.



Investigating the Levels of Indoor and Outdoor Particulate Matter In Six Southeast Asian Cities

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 11:30 - 12:00

Prof. Anil Namdeo

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Biography

Anil Namdeo is Professor of Air Quality and Net Zero in the Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences, Northumbria University, Newcastle. He is a Chartered Environmentalist and a Chartered Scientist. He is a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, UK and a Fellow of the Institute of Air Quality Management, UK. Anil is a member of Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Air Quality Expert Group (AQEG) and a member of the UK's Civil Aviation Authority's Sustainability Panel. Anil was a member of the NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) Public Health Advisory Committee on Air Pollution (Outdoor Air Quality and Health) which developed guidelines for outdoor air quality and health. Anil has been appointed as a UKRI Regional Air Quality Champion (East and North East of England).

Anil has special research interests in air quality (monitoring, modelling and management) and health. His research focuses on environmental and sustainability assessments of land-use, transportation and other developmental policies. He has led and contributed to several UK and international projects on air quality and sustainability. Anil is actively engaged in international research projects and collaborations and has close links with academics and researchers in EU, USA, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, India, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Egypt, Kenya and Tanzania.

He recently led the Mexico City and Newcastle Partnership on Health and Air Pollution Research and Engagement (MANAPRE) and Clean Air for Delhi Through Interventions, Mitigations and Engagement (CADTIME) projects. His current ongoing projects include: Impact+ (environmental Index Promoting Assessment and Circular Transparency in fashion); Nuna (Effective mitigation and adaptation to changing ground conditions for resilient coastal futures); ETHOS (Co-developed environmental solutions to mitigate the impact of temperature extremes on the Health of vulnerable populations); and In2Air (the impact of 'net-zero' household energy intervention on indoor air quality, occupant self-reported general health and wellbeing, and household energy use).

Abstract

Air pollution remains one of the major threats to human health and wellbeing. Particulate matter (PM) exposure is harmful to human health. Some of the highest levels of PM levels in ambient and indoor air globally are found in Asian cities, more

specifically in Southeast Asia. The WHO has recently issued new air quality guidelines tightening the standards for PM_{2.5} and NO₂. The WHO has called for the air quality community to play a key role in monitoring health risks from air pollution, synthesizing the evidence, providing the tools and resources to support decision-making. The global nature of the challenge calls for gathering more data and generating more evidence on how various constituents of PM (size and number) vary

geographically and temporally as a function of meteorology, sources, and dispersion of PM across a range of microenvironments. In this presentation, we report the findings of a pan southeast Asian study of simultaneous monitoring of particle size concentrations and particle number concentrations (PNC) in six cities, namely, Bandung (Indonesia), Bangkok (Thailand), Hanoi (Vietnam), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Singapore, and Yangon (Myanmar). A common monitoring and quality assurance protocol was developed and adopted by each participating institution. Identical equipment (Particles Plus Model EM7301 for indoor monitoring and Particles Plus Model EM10000 for outdoor monitoring) were used, simultaneous indoor and outdoor monitoring was conducted at one-minute interval. PNC were recorded for six size channels, viz. 0.3, 0.5, 1.0, 2.5, 5.0 and 10.0 μm . We examined and compared factors impacting air quality in these cities. Our analysis has shown a great degree of variability in PM mass concentrations and PNCs across six cities, clearly demonstrating the influence of geographic location, temperature and relative humidity, and the presence of emission generating activities both indoors and outdoors. Except Hanoi, all locations indicated indoor/outdoor ratios >1 for PM_{2.5} indicating higher outdoor PM levels. Bandung PM_{2.5} levels were approximately five times higher than other five cities, indicating the presence of high PM generating activities, mainly traffic, in the city. PNC for PM_{0.3} was highest (three times higher than other cities) in Bandung, again indicating the significance of traffic's (mainly two-wheelers) contribution to ultrafine particles. PNC for larger particles (PM₅ and PM₁₀) was highest at Yangon indicating the influence of wind-blown and resuspended dust (from road surfaces and dry land). It was observed that there was a good correlation between relative humidity and PNCs. The study also evaluated the performance of Particles Plus series of indoor and outdoor PM monitors. The equipment delivered consistent and reliable high-quality performance in a wide range of operating conditions. The type of information generated by this study is key to inform public policies to better manage traffic and air quality (both indoor and outdoor), and consequently public health. We believe that the results of this research can help other cities in designing air quality monitoring and management strategies.

Symposium 5: Sustainable Climate Action



Potential Impacts on Air Pollutants and Future Climate | Southeast Asia

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 15:00 - 15:30

Emeritus Prof. Selahattin Incecik

President of the International Union of Air Pollution Prevention & Environmental Protection Associations (IUAPPA)

Biography

Emeritus Professor Selahattin Incecik has been President of the International Union of Air Pollution Prevention & Environmental Protection Associations (IUAPPA) since November 2017. A highly experienced atmospheric and environmental scientist accustomed to working with governments and organizations nationally and internationally. His research encompasses urban air quality and climate change; air pollution and climate interactions; air quality management and modeling; atmospheric boundary layer processes; and the interaction and feedback between surface ozone and the corresponding precursors. By now, Prof. Incecik has supervised eight Ph.D. and six MSc theses in meteorology, atmospheric sciences, and environmental sciences. Dr. Incecik has worked as an international scientist since 1986 in academia and non-governmental organizations. He obtained his PhD degree at ITU, Türkiye, and he followed his postdoctoral studies at Pennsylvania State University, USA. His academic and industrial work was conducted within collaborative scientific groups based in Europe, the USA, and Asia. He was an expert reviewer of the Special Report of Working Groups I and II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 2012, Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation, and IPCC Climate Change 2013, The Physical Science Basis in Working Group I. He was Certified by Bestowing awards for his contribution to the IPCC Special Report as the lead author. Prof. Incecik's contribution to the 2007 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE-WINNING UN IPCC Climate Change with a Special Report on Chemical and Radiative Effects of Halocarbons and Their Replacement Compounds" in Safeguarding the Ozone Layer and the Global Climate System in the Working Group I as lead author.

Abstract

Air pollution and climate change are closely linked, as all major pollutants have an impact on the climate and most share common sources with greenhouse gases. Both air pollution and climate change can have an impact on each other, and both can directly or indirectly affect health. The future climate is expected to be more stagnant. A weakened global circulation and a declining frequency of mid-latitude cyclones are projected. According to the World Health Organization, Southeast Asia is one of the most polluted regions in the world. Nearly all of the region's population lives in areas that exceed safe air quality guidelines. Furthermore, Southeast Asia, like many parts of the world, is currently experiencing significant climate changes, and these changes are very likely to increase in the future. While climate change may affect how primary pollutants are dispersed, particularly particulate matter, it can also exacerbate the production of secondary pollutants such as surface ozone. Future changes in ozone precursor emissions will be the result of complex interactions between photochemistry, transport mechanisms, and climate change. Therefore, a gradual reduction of pollutant emissions will improve air quality while reducing the negative consequences of climate change based on scenarios in the future. Policies on the Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) are important in this regard. This review summarizes the source distributions, seasonal variations, transport mechanisms, and climate change of major pollutants and their local emissions in Southeast Asia. This study examines the distribution of tropospheric ozone and local NO_x emissions, along with PM_{2.5}, and explores the connections between climate change and air pollution, taking into account potential future changes in emissions. The results are based on future regional climate forecasts employing the IPCC emission scenarios.



Emissions, Health Impacts And Cost Of Illness Reductions And Energy Transition Scenarios In Indonesia

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 15:30 - 16:00

Prof. Dr. Budi Haryanto

Director, Research Center for Climate Change
Universitas of Indonesia

Biography

Budi Haryanto is currently a Professor of Environmental Health Science and the Director of the Research Center for Climate Change at the University of Indonesia. He is also part of the colloquium on environmental health for the Indonesian Environmental Health Association since 2019. Dr. Haryanto is currently a member of, among others, the International Association of Doctors for the Environment, the International Epidemiology Association, the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, and the Board of Directors for the Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health. He has produced numerous research in the field of climate change and health, most recently studying the impact of haze on children's health in Indonesia, climate change and adaptation capacity development for the vulnerability of Dengue Fever in Indonesia, and fiscal policies to address air pollution from road transport in cities and improve health. He has also contributed to several studies, recently published the Resurgence COVID-19 in Indonesia: Response to the Critical Waves of Pandemic, The Impact of Air Pollution on Gut Microbiota and Children's Health, and Prevalence and association of blood lead levels with low IQ in children aged 2-9 years in West Bangka. Dr. Haryanto received his Ph.D. and Masters of Science in Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Indonesia in 2008 and 1993, respectively. His Master of Science Degree in Epidemiology was obtained from the University of California in the USA.

Abstract

Motor vehicle emissions significantly contribute to air pollution in cities like Jakarta, where traffic is a dominant part of daily life. Key pollutants, including particulate matter (PM) and carbon monoxide (CO), consistently exceed safety thresholds. Recent studies show that over 43% of air pollutants in Jakarta stem from low-quality transportation emissions, which have severe health consequences. These include rising cases of respiratory problems, chronic non-communicable diseases, and premature deaths, placing an economic burden of IDR 1.8 trillion annually on Indonesia. To address this, adopting EURO 4/6 fuel standards, proven to reduce pollution in many global cities, is crucial. By gradually implementing EURO 4 standards, studies predict notable health improvements. A small reduction in air pollution-related pneumonia cases of 0.3% is expected in 2024 with 10% adoption of EURO 4. By 2025, as implementation increases to 34%, pneumonia cases could drop by 8.4%. With 66% adoption in 2026, the reduction in pneumonia cases is expected to reach 20.1%. Finally, full implementation of EURO 4 standards by 2028 is projected to result in a 32.2% decrease in pneumonia cases. These figures underscore the clear health benefits of transitioning to cleaner emissions standards, demonstrating how stricter fuel policies can significantly improve public health and reduce the economic burden of air pollution in Jakarta and beyond. Keywords: Fuel emission, air pollution, EURO 4 scenarios, pneumonia impacts. cost of treatment



Indoor Environment And Climate Impacts On Children's Health

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 16:00 - 16:30

Prof. Dr. Jamal Hisham Hashim

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Universiti Selangor

Biography

Prof. Dr. Jamal Hisham Hashim is a Honorary Professor of environmental health at Universiti Selangor and Universitas Diponegoro. He is also the director of Provenue Corporation Sdn. Bhd. which specialises in health risk and impact assessment. He was formerly a research fellow at the United Nations University-International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH) and Malaysia's first appointed Professor of Environmental Health at the National University of Malaysia (UKM). Prof. Dr. Jamal obtained his PhD in environmental health from the University of Michigan. He taught, conducted research and consultancy in environmental and occupational health at UKM and UNU-IIGH for 36 years, and supervised a total of 14 PhD students. His research interests are mainly on the health effects of heavy metals, pesticides, solvents, air pollution, risk assessment, and recently, climate change. He has been the principal and co-investigator of 19 research projects and has over 410 publications and presentations to date, including 104 full articles in refereed and indexed journals. He is an editor of the Environmental Analysis, Health and Toxicology and Frontiers in Occupational Health journals. He has been engaged as an environmental health consultant in over 90 local and overseas projects, primarily in the area of environmental health impact and risk assessment. Prof. Dr. Jamal has also been consulted by the World Health Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency, Risk Science Institute and the Institute of Medicine in the U.S., the governments of Malaysia, Cambodia, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia on various environmental health issues. He is a registered environmental impact assessment consultant with the Department of Environment, Malaysia, a member of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health in the U.K., an honorary fellow of the Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Malaysia and a council member of the Asia Chapter of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology. He sat on the Scientific Expert Panel of the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), and currently chairs the Thematic Working Group of Environmental Health Experts under the National Environmental Health Action Plan (NEHAP).

Abstract

Children are a vulnerable group of the population when it comes to environmental threats. Two of those threats which can have significant outcomes on children's health are indoor environment and climate change. According to the WHO, nearly 1 million children die from pneumonia each year, and half of these deaths are due to indoor and outdoor air pollution. Each year, indoor and outdoor air pollution kill about 570,000 children. Climate change can disrupt weather patterns, leading to more frequent and more intense extreme weather events, unpredictable water availability, exacerbating water scarcity and contaminating water supplies. Such impacts can drastically affect the quantity and quality of water that children need to survive. According to UNICEF, about 436 million children live in areas of high or extremely high water vulnerability, which is a combination of water scarcity and low levels of drinking water service. How climate change will ultimately influence outdoor and indoor environment and air quality and their impacts on children is highly probable, but less studied. As for indoor environment, the combination of poor indoor air quality and climate influenced factors such as temperature, humidity, allergens and pathogens can prove a real health challenge to children, especially those living in the hot tropics. This present will explore the current science on how indoor environment and climate can impact on children's health.



Regional Cooperation as Key to Addressing Air Pollution and Climate Change in Asia

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 16:30 - 17:00

Ms. Glynda Bathan-Baterina

Executive Director
Clean Air Asia

Biography

Glynda, alongside the Executive Director, leads the Clean Air Asia team, sets the organization's strategic direction, and undertakes resource mobilization. Glynda is a lawyer with more than 20 years' experience in air quality management. She was a member of the legal team which assisted the Philippine Government in drafting the Clean Air Act of 1999 Implementing Rules and Regulations. She led the implementation of the Asia Clean Fuels and Vehicles program which resulted in national policies and roadmaps for cleaner fuels and vehicles notably the Vietnam and Philippine regulations mandating Euro 4 vehicle emission and fuel standards, and Pakistan's roadmap for cleaner fuels and vehicles. Glynda holds a Master's degree in Environmental Management from the Ateneo de Manila University and University of San Francisco (joint program); and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines.

Abstract

The presentation will focus on regional cooperation and collaborations for clean air. She will speak of the potential benefits of regional and international cooperation in achieving clean air goals based on the experience of Clean Air Asia, an international non-government organization working towards the vision of Asia without air pollution and with a stabilized climate for people and the planet. It will also present the results of Clean Air Asia's tracking of progress in air quality management in Asia including in China and Thailand, as well as the building blocks for regional cooperation to address air pollution.



A Breath of Fresh Air: Malaysia's Experience in Air Quality Management

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 17:00 - 17:30

Dr. Hii Yii Siang

Consultant

Pakar Scieno TW Sdn Bhd

Biography

Dr. Hii Yii Siang has been actively involved in the assessment and development of strategies for managing ecosystem health. Formerly a lecturer at Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Dr. Hii opted for early retirement in 2017. He is currently serving as a consultant at Pakar Scieno TW Sdn Bhd, the concessionaire for the Department of Environment, Malaysia. Dr. Hii plays a pivotal role in several key projects aimed at managing ecosystem health, particularly in the analysis of long-term monitoring data related to air, river, and marine environments. He is presently one of the lead consultants responsible for designing and integrating monitoring networks for air, river, and marine environments under the Environmental Quality Monitoring Network for the Department of Environment, Malaysia

Abstract

This presentation elaborates on Malaysia's strategic framework for air quality management, emphasizing its alignment with international environmental objectives, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030). It outlines the foundational principles of the National Policy on the Environment and details the regulatory mechanisms established under the Environmental Quality Act of 1974, which encompasses various regulations aimed at mitigating air emissions from industrial sources, transportation, and open burning practices.

The presentation discusses key sources of air pollution in Malaysia, and provides a detailed overview of air quality trends from 2010 to 2023. Data from the Environmental Quality Monitoring Program (EQMP) indicate improvements in air quality, especially in terms of particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) concentrations, which have been consistently below national standards since 2020.

Malaysia's strategies for air quality management are multifaceted, incorporating the deployment of Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS), implementation of fire prevention initiatives for peatlands, and public education campaigns addressing open burning. The National Haze Action Plan is activated during periods of elevated air pollution levels to ensure coordinated responses among government entities.

Moving forward, Malaysia plans to introduce an updated Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP 2040) to address future challenges, with expanded focus areas, enhanced strategies, and improved monitoring systems to achieve better air quality standards.

Keywords: Air Quality Management in Malaysia, Malaysia Policy on the Environment, Environmental Quality Monitoring Program, Clean Air Action Plan.

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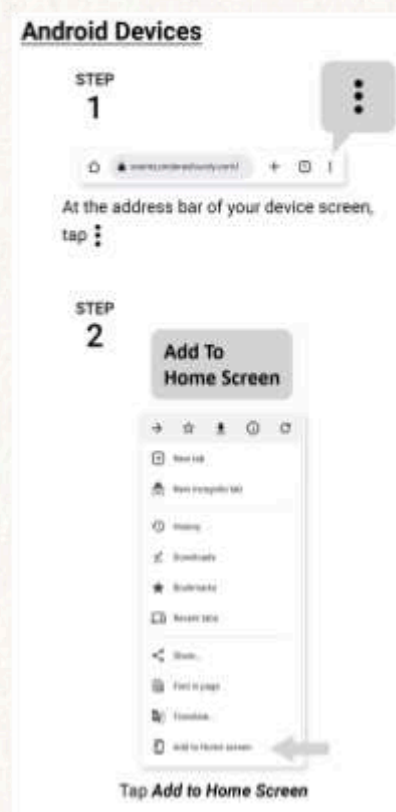
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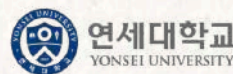


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Ultra-fine Particle Number Concentration Monitor Palas® AQ Guard Smart 2000 and U-SMPS System

- AQ Guard Smart 2000: Precise Measurement of Ultrafine Dust**
- Simple and accurate monitoring of particle number concentration for UFP
 - Fast commissioning and immediate acquisition of measured values via the MyAtmosphere cloud
 - Measurement of particle number concentration, average diameter as well as LDSA (Lung Deposited Surface Area)
 - Measuring range: $C_n > 1,000$ particles/cm³ as well as size > 0.01 μm

- U-SMPS System: Sizing and Counting of Nano Particles**
- Particle size distributions from 4 nm to 1.2 μm (dependent on configurations)
 - High resolution in up to 128 size classes/decade
 - Suitable for concentrations of up to 100,000,000 particles/cm³
 - Universally connects to DMAs and nanoparticle counters from other manufacturers

PM values for Ambient Air Quality Palas® Fidas® 200 series and AQ Guard Smart 1X00 series

- Fidas® 200 series: Type approved and certified PM monitors**
- Type-approved and certified according to latest EN requirements (EN 15267)
 - Multiple PM values, high temporal resolution, data refreshed every second
 - Maintenance interval 3 months, low maintenance and consumables
 - External check of calibration on site possible

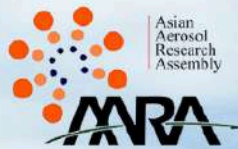
- AQ Guard Smart 1X00 Series: Grid Monitor for Ambient Air Quality**
Optional data cloud platform, plug and play, real-time viewing of hotspot data:
- Technology based on the certified Fidas® 200 series (EN16450 and MCERTS), high accuracy and reproducibility of the fine dust values; easy and fast installation
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