

Basic Workshop Information

Title: International Workshop on Bamboo Cultivation and Utilization

Date: January 15-17, 2012

Venue: FORTROP Meeting Room, Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand

Organizer: Center for Advanced Studies in Tropical Natural Resources, CASTNaR

Collaborating organizations: Global COE program "In Search of Sustainable Humanosphere in Asia and Africa" and Kyoto University's CSEAS Program "Toward a Sustainable Humanosphere in Southeast Asia"

Total number of participants: 52

Participants' countries: Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, India, Japan

Abstracts and PowerPoint files are available for most presentations.

The workshop consisted of three keynote addresses, 15 presentations, and sessions of animated discussion among the participants. Two of the keynote addresses were given by professors from Kyoto University. Prof. Shibata summarized the ecological characteristics of bamboo and its utilization patterns in Japan, and described recent trials of innovative uses for bamboo. Prof. Takeda highlighted bamboo's role as the fundamental base for shifting cultivation systems in Continental Southeast Asia. The papers presented in this workshop covered a very wide range of topics in bamboo science including ecology, phylogeny, cultivation, and utilization. The participants were likewise from various sectors: there were researchers, students, government staff, NGO staff and others. The workshop clearly strengthened synergy among these different sectors and contributed toward the development of an effective and modernized utilization of bamboo, which will increase the sustainability of communities and societies.

After the workshop, about 40 participants departed to Kanchanaburi province on the evening of Jan. 16; on Jan. 17, they visited a bamboo arboretum, a bamboo manufactory, and a local community specializing in bamboo production. Kanchanaburi is known as "the bamboo province" and the high diversity of natural and cultivated bamboo there is known worldwide. The participants, who had come from Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, India and Japan, enjoyed this glimpse into the world of bamboo cultivation and production, which deepened their understanding of the current situation of bamboo utilization, including its export and its domestic use. Participants enjoyed fruitful discussions in the field as well.

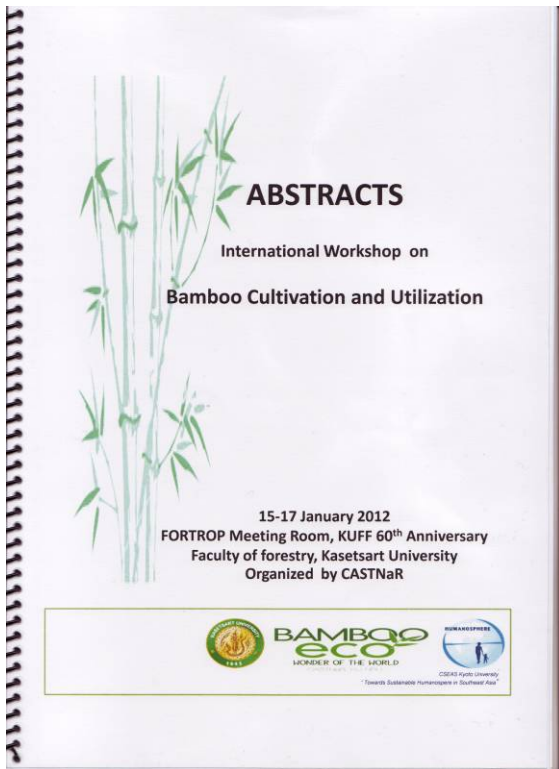


Presentation on recent findings in bamboo taxonomy and phylogeny by Dr. Sarawood



Keynote speaker Prof. Shibata is presented with souvenirs of Kasetsart on behalf of the organizing

committee.



Abstract booklet from the workshop



Photo from the excursion tour to Kanchanaburi