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**KUCHING:** The AsiaFlux Conference 2022 to be held on Sept 20-22 at the Sarawak Tropical Peat Research Institute (TROPI) here will see the participation of 160 scientists from different fields of expertise from various parts of the world.

The scientists will be presenting their topics either by oral presentations or posters.

In total, more than 250 delegates are expected to attend the conference.

There will be a total of 12 keynote speakers for the conference namely, Deputy Minister of Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment Datuk Len Talif Saleh; Hokkaido University emeritus professor Dr Ryusuke Hatano; University of Illinois Chicago Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences assistant prof Dr Gavin McNicol; Institute of Ecology

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and Earth Sciences, UT, Estonia Physical Geography and Landscape Ecology prof Dr Ulo Mander; University of Wisconsin Department of Biological Systems Engineering associate prof Dr Paul Stoy; Lab Ecological and Environmental Physics at the Research Faculty of Agriculture, and Hokkaido University prof Dr Takashi Hirano.

Besides that, the keynote speakers include the University of Waterloo Department of Geography and Environmental Management and Tier II Canada Research Chair in Ecosystems and Climate prof Dr Maria Strack;

Climatology at the Department of Earth Sciences and Environment, Faculty of Science and Technology, National University of Malaysia prof Dr Fredolin Tangang; Future Earth Programme director at the Seoul National University Asia Center (SNUAC) prof Dr Joon Kim; University of Hong Kong (HKU) School of Biological Sciences assistant prof Dr Jin Wu; National Institute for Environmental Studies Earth System Division; Japan senior researcher Dr Ryuichi Hirata; and Bioclimatology at the Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology, University of Göttingen,

Germany prof Dr Alexander Knohl.

On Monday (Sept 19), an ice-breaking session at TROPI will be held for delegates and the Minister of Education, Innovation, and Talent Development Datuk Roland Sagah is expected to attend.

Meanwhile, a Peat Gala Nite will also be held on Sept 20 with Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg expected to attend.

A total of more than 500 delegates is expected to attend the gala night.

The AsiaFlux Conference 2022 is jointly organised by TROPI,

Malaysian Peat Society (MPS), and AsiaFlux Science Steering Committee, in collaboration with National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan; Hokkaido University, Japan; Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB); Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM); and Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI).

The conference is also supported by the Sarawak Convention Bureau.

For further inquiries on the conference, visit AsiaFlux 2022 website at <https://www.asiaflux2022.com/>