



MONASH University

Malaysia

International Conference

Sustainable Development: What Have We Learnt after 30 years?

29 – 30 September, Monash University Malaysia

Co-organised by Monash University Malaysia and Monash University Australia

Background

There is considerable concern about growing adverse environmental consequences due to anthropogenic activities. Depleting forest resources, water scarcity and degradation and a variety of natural disasters are some of the salient features of this phenomenon. The situation has worsened due to climate change in recent times. There has been an increase in the frequency of droughts and floods. Global temperatures may rise by as much as 3°C by 2050. It is now recognized that present patterns of consumption of natural resources are not sustainable. In this context, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will be replaced by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2015 to effectively eradicate poverty, hunger, illiteracy and reducing environmental degradation and inequality in the developing world.

Anthropogenic disturbances, climate change and associated natural disasters have challenged the achievement of sustainable development and mitigation of poverty in Asia. The future success of Asia depends on how coherently sustainability challenges are tackled. Reformulating national policies towards environmentally sustainable growth is hence imperative.

Monash University Malaysia and Monash University Australia jointly sponsor this conference on sustainability to provide a forum for academics, researchers and practitioners to come together to contribute to an in depth analysis of sustainability in the Asian region.

Conference Objective

This international conference on sustainable development is sponsored by the Social and Economic Transformation in Asia (SETA), Monash University Malaysia and Monash Business and Sustainability Network (MBSN) in the Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University Australia. It aims to provide a forum for academics, researchers and practitioners to come together to contribute to an in-depth analysis of sustainable development in the Asian region. The conference emphasises the importance of food and health security and the need to adopt appropriate production and consumption practices to enhance the well-being of future and present generations.



This conference will explore the link between natural environment, poverty and sustainability in the Asian region and how a better understanding of the link can significantly increase the potential to achieve sustainable development for the people living in the those areas. The conference objectives are to bring together economists and other social scientists from Malaysia, Australia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, South Africa and United States of America to:

- provide an interdisciplinary platform for academics and practitioners to discuss emerging issues on sustainable development change and share ideas;
- exchange information on policies and practices in the Asian region related to sustainable development;
- propose multidisciplinary strategies for economic, socio-political, cultural and institutional changes to achieve sustainable development;
- strengthen research and educational linkages and establish cross national projects on sustainable development for rural communities in Asia.

The conference will provide a forum to critically analyse some of the outstanding issues on sustainable development so that better strategies can be developed for the future. It will strengthen Monash University research capacity to effectively contribute to sustainable development issues. Distinguished speakers will deliver presentations on sustainable development.

Registration

Registration Fee: MYR 500

Registration fee includes:

- Admission to all sessions
- Conference materials
- Lunch and tea breaks for the two-day Conference
- Formal Conference Dinner (September 29, 2014)

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