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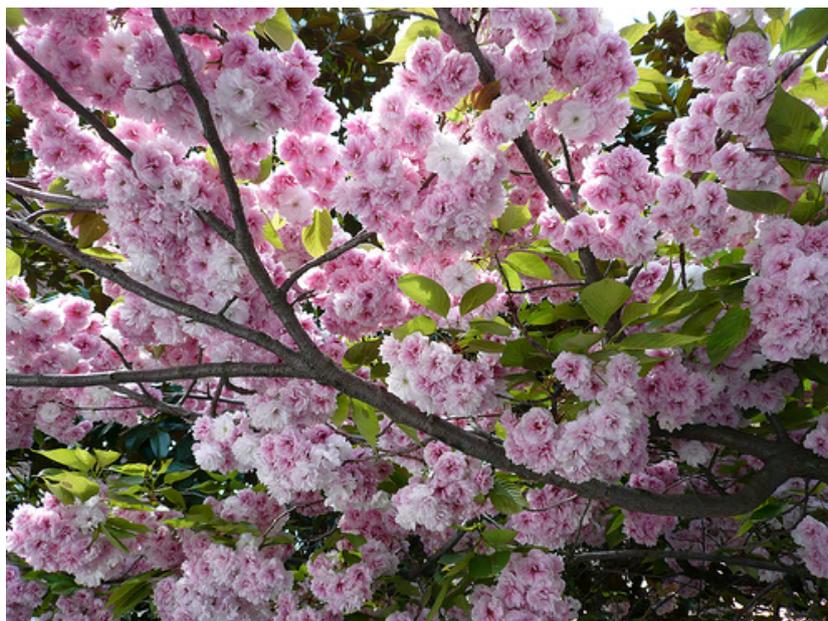
These are what every one of us can do to mitigate global climate change – our imminent threat.



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Editor's Note 1: Sorry that this issue of HOT NEWS is short. The reason is that I am going to accompany a group of scientists to Malaysia this week. Scientists from Kasetsart University and Land Development Department are going to meet their colleagues at USM (Universiti Sains Malaysia), UPM (Universiti Putra Malaysia) and Mardi (Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute). WASWAC is encouraging scientists in neighboring countries to meet each other, so there will be some exchange of information and research activities. I will prepare a longer HOT NEWS for April 2010 right after my return.



Editor's Note 2: Sakura flowers bloom early this year (from Flickr.com). Sakura flowers at Ueno Park in Tokyo are in full bloom now, which is some 6 days earlier than normal. **Is this because of the global warming?** I remember while I visited Japan many years ago, Mr Mori - my friend since 1963 - and his family brought me to a park at the foot of Mount Fuji on April 12, 1994. The Sakura flowers were in full bloom then – and it was quite special to be there in that season. Click to listen to Sakura Sakura, a traditional music of Japan <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keF-KYKKYeI>.

Editor's Note 3: Payment of the membership fees. This is about time to pay your membership fee, so that it will help sustain the association. Luckily, since we are using internet as our means of communication, we charge membership fee so low that it will not make anyone poor. This time we are encouraging members to pay the incentive rate, i.e. pay 4 years and get membership 5 years (equal to US\$20 for developing countries and US\$40 for developed countries and international organizations). For Life membership, the normal rates are respectively US\$80 and US\$160. **GOOD NEWS:** The Council has recently agreed on charging reduced rates for elderly persons from now on. People who

have passed their 60th birthday are required to pay only half price: US\$40 for developing countries and US\$80 for developed countries and international organizations. You may see that your association is trying to make it simple and inexpensive for people to join us, since those working for WASWAC are all volunteers. **PLEASE NOTE:** We have announced earlier that those who sign up as Life members will be complimented with a set of **LANDCON e-LIBRARY: Our Gift to the Earth**, a set of 4 DVDs that contains up to 10,000 pieces of papers and documents concerning soil, water, and all other related subjects. Existing Life members will also obtain the same when the product is finished later this year.

Editor's Note 4: Delay of the LANDCON e-LIBRARY project. It is a pity, by now we have not received enough materials for the set of DVDs that was planned. Many members have sent but we want to get more than that. We are therefore repeating the invitation again. If you have not yet sent, whether you were asked or not, please kindly send. It is obvious every one of us has done a lot of works during many years of our life and it would be nice to share them with others, which will be useful and become well preserved at the same time. The works submitted to the e-LIBRARY will be there for a long, long time, long after we are gone. Following is the invitation and the provisional design of the DVD box. It is similar to the WOCAT technology, **THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE YOU GET**. The first thing a contributor will get is one set of DVDs at the completion of the project and one can buy extra sets at a low price. Please send your valued stuff until June this year.

LANDCON e-LIBRARY: Our Gift to the Earth



Provisional design of the DVD box

INVITATION: The World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC) is producing **LANDCON e-LIBRARY: Our Gift to the Earth**, a set of 4 DVDs offering a collection of digital technical papers and documents that will serve to facilitate *research* and *implementation* in the fields of land, soil & water degradation, management, care, restoration, conservation, and improvement. The goal of this project is to preserve valuable works for the long term and to enhance the visibility of contributing works, authors, organizations and publishers. The DVD set will be sent initially to over 3,000 people worldwide, to serve people living in every type of facility of internet, including those with high speed internet, slow internet and without any internet at all.

We invite you to be a part of this project by submitting works, including, but not limited to the following:

- papers/articles from meetings, proceedings, books, magazines, bulletins
- whole books, reports, journals, magazines, bulletins, newsletters, dissertations
- presentations (PowerPoint or PDF files)
- posters, brochures, flyers, paintings and other forms of art, calendars, maps, video-movies, audios (e.g. songs related to land, soil, water, river, forest, mountain), poems, photographs and any other media that are worth publicizing broader.

Note: For technical papers with copyright restriction, only the first page will be published with contact information for the author/publisher.

With a target completion date of mid-2010, our goal is to collect at least 10,000 papers/ documents. Please join **Our Gift to the Earth** by sending your relevant materials to us by one of the following means:

- E-mail to sombatpanit@yahoo.com, samran_sombatpanit@yahoo.com or sombatpanit@gmail.com (up to 20 MB)
- Send files over 20 MB through “yousendit” program (www.yousendit.com)
- As CD or DVD through airmail to: **Dr Samran Sombatpanit, 67/141 Amonphant 9, Soi Sena 1, Bangkok 10230, THAILAND.**

Contributors will receive one complimentary set of DVDs. Additional sets will be available for purchase. WASWAC will include the organizational logo on the box and offer discounts on purchasing copies for any organizations joining as co-publishers.

Thank you for being a part of **Our Gift to the Earth**.

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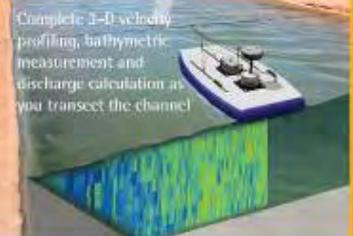


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October 11-15, 2010

LANDCON 1010 Meeting*

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

FIRST WASWC COUNCIL MEETING

(Invitation is extended to all 26 councilors from all over the world to meet for the first time in Xi'an, China)

and

International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas

I. INVITATION

You are cordially invited to participate in the International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas (LANDCON 1010) to be held in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China from October 11th to 15th, 2010.

Land is foundation of human survives and development, but the Land degradation is intensifying in many parts of the world because of the unreasonable land use and global climate change. According to the FAO's estimation in 2008, there 1.5 billion people, or a quarter of the world's population, depend directly on land that is being degraded. Land degradation could induce the deterioration of the ecological function and productivity of land directly through soil erosion, desertification, salinization, loss of bio-diversity and so on. Furthermore, the land degradation has already threatened and is threatening the socio-economic and culture development at regional and global scales.

Fortunately, the increasing attention has been paid in combating land degradation all over world, such as the Soil and Water Conservation Engineering in the Upper and Middle Reaches of Yellow River since 1980 and "Grain for Green Project" of China ACIAR-AusAID Landcare Project in Australia, the GEF UNEP/FAO program on Land Degradation Assessment in Dryland Areas (LADA) and EU FP6 Integrated Project on Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land (DESIRE).

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making LANDCON 2010 a success. We look forward to welcoming you to LANDCON 2010 and Xi'an, China.

II. THEMES

Situation and evolution of land degradation Mechanism and driving factors of land degradation Control measures of land degradation Evaluation of land degradation and land management on environment Land degradation and regional social-economic sustainable development Effect of global change on land degradation And other relative topics.

III. ORGANIZATION

1 Sponsors

- World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC)
- Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

2 Organizers

- Bureau of science and technology for resources and environment,
- CAS Soil and Water Conservation Department, MWR
- Northwest A&F University (NWFU) Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR
- State Key Laboratory of Soil Erosion and Dryland Farming on the Loess Plateau
- Beijing Normal University
- Guangdong Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences
- Major State Basic Research Development Program: Soil Erosion Processes and Their Adjusting and Controlling
- Mechanisms in the Main Soil Erosion Regions of China
- National Key Technology R&D Program in the 11th Five-year Plan of China: Key Technology of Integrated Measures of Soil and Water Conservation in the Loess Plateau EU FP6 Integrated Project: Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land - a global approach for local solutions (DESIRE)

3 Host: Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

IV. VENUE AND DATE

Data: October 11-15, 2010 Venue: Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, P. R. China

V. SECRETARIAT

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2. Life membership: US\$80 for developing countries; US\$160 for developed countries and persons working in international organizations worldwide. **NEW from March 4, 2010: Persons who have already passed their 60th birthday may pay only half of these rates.**
- 3-1. Organization membership (OM): For universities, research and implemental institutions, government agencies, NGOs, societies, associations and international organizations, etc. Persons belonging to an Organization member will receive the same online products and services as the other two above categories: \$100/ yr for an organization with up to 150 persons; \$150/ yr for an organization with up to 300 persons; \$200/ yr for an organization with up to 500 persons; and \$10/ yr for an additional 100 persons or part thereof. Local organizations in developing countries can request to pay at a lower rate.
- 3-2. Organization subscription (OS): is the same as the Organization membership but the organization wants to limit its involvement only as a subscriber.
- 3-3. Organization cooperation (OC): is the same as the Organization membership but the organization wants to limit its involvement only as a cooperator, without paying a fee. Any organization can be a cooperator for 1-2 years before deciding to join as OM or OS if desired.
4. Gift membership: US\$5/ yr worldwide, to be purchased by anyone to give to colleagues, friends, students, etc.

You may ask Samran Sombatpanit at sombatpanit@yahoo.com about your membership status, i.e. up to what year you have paid. Then you may send your membership fee to either John Laflen or me or any other address in the following list:

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