INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE CONFERENCE-2020

18th FEBRUARY, 2020

PAKISTAN-CHINA BELT & ROAD ADVANCEMENT TOWARDS MODERN AQUACULTURE

Aquaculture has immense potential and is developing rapidly in Pakistan with a growth rate of about 1.5%. Aquaculture production has increased rapidly since 2000 from 10-15 thousand mt to over 200,000 mt in 2018 -2019. Despite the vast fresh, brackish and marine water resources, aquaculture is confined to a limited number of species. Only seven warm water and two cold water species are cultivated on a commercial scale. Aquaculture has also received a substantial amount of government investment, and facilities are now in place that can provide the basis for a major future expansion on modern scale. Carp farming is the major aquaculture activity in Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and part of Balochistan. The northern mountains of Pakistan have good potential for trout culture, but production is still very small. According to the latest estimates, the total area covered by fish ponds is about 74000 ha of which 49 170 ha are in Sindh, 29 500 ha in Punjab, 560 ha in Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, and 240 ha in Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir.

The Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture, UVAS being a pioneer degree awarding institute of the country is working its best for the promotion of fisheries & aquaculture sector since its inception, 2002 and has developed a very close liaison with fish industry. This event International Fisheries and Aquaculture Conferenc-2020 with a core theme ***"Pakistan- China Belt and Road Advancement Towards Modern Aquaculture"*** is a joint effort of Oryza Organics and University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore under UVAS-Industry Liaison Working Group to meet the objectives of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for ***Agriculture Emergency Scheme***, declaring aquaculture development in Pakistan as one of the key priority area and is also a critical part of the CPEC and Mr. Xi' s Belt and Road Initiative. The speakers/experts of this event are mostly from renowned Chinese institutes (Pearl River Fishery Research Institute (PRFRI), Ocean Shanghai University, Australia and Europe who will give new insights, suggest solutions, sharing ideas, networking and future collaboration to transform the traditional aquaculture practices of the country on modern scale.

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Conference Session Themes

- Fish Hatchery Development
  - Tilapia
  - Snakehead
  - Fresh water & marine water shrimp
  - Fresh water & marine water lobsters
- Fish genetics
- Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Systems (SPS)
- Fish and shrimp disease and health management

Conference Dates

Field visit of foreign Guests:	17th February, 2020
Conference:	18th February, 2020

Venue:

University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Shiekh Abdul Qadir Jillani Road, Lahore-Pakistan

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