

The 2nd International Symposium on Aquaculture and Fisheries Education (ISAFE2) Held in Shanghai, China

ISAFE2 was successfully organized by Asian Fisheries Society (AFS) and Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU) on SHOU campus at Lingang New City in Shanghai from 22nd to 24th April, 2015. I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge my sincere thanks to ISAFE2 supporters, SHOU staffs, AFS CAG members and AFS councilors who have contributed great efforts on the symposium.

During ISAFE2, about 90 participants from 15 countries and regions attended the symposium and 81 articles were included in ISAFE2 BOOK of ABSTRACTS. Three keynote speeches were delivered respectively with the title as 'Globalizing Fisheries and International Linkage in its Education' by Prof. Tatsuro Matsuoka, 'Experiences from AQUA-TNET (EU Thematic Network for Lifelong Learning in Aquaculture, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Management)' by Prof. John Bostock and 'Development Trends of Chinese Fisheries Education in Light of the Development of the Industry' by myself. Also 8 country reports contributed were showing the current status of aquaculture and fisheries education in Asian and European countries.

Three special sessions were also convened during ISAFE2 respectively by Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of FAO, Postgraduate Programme on Tropical Fisheries and International Linkages and Tamil Nadu Fisheries University. These sessions allow a more in depth understanding of status and trend of non-formal education, south-south cooperation, linkage in fisheries education and so on. I would like to express my sincere thanks again to the three chairs, Dr Matthias Halwart, Prof. Tatsuro Matsuoka and Dr Baskaran Manimaran for their great contribution on ISAFE2.



The symposium provided an opportunity to once again bring educators, students and training agencies from across the aquaculture and fisheries teaching institutions, industries and education regulatory agencies together, and had a great discussion and achievement in

many critical issues, such as curriculum development, teaching methods innovation, partnerships in training between Stakeholders and academic sectors and future direction and strategy on aquaculture and fisheries education. The Director General of Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific, Dr Cherdsak Virapat wrote to the ISAFE2 organizing committee that ' There were many issues discussed and implemented that will benefit society such as establishment of network of universities/teachers in fisheries and aquaculture'.

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