



Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific

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Dear Prof. Ahmed Jalal Khan Chowdhury,

Subject: Invitation for International Forum on Aquaculture in Silk Road Countries

Since January 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread to countries all over the world and is still sweeping the world, causing severe health, social, and economic impact. All aspects of the value chain in aquaculture has been deeply affected after the COVID-19 outbreak. During this period, the impacts of COVID-19 in the aquaculture sector have been wildly concerned and actively discussed. In order to further understand the changes and tendency of the sustainable development of aquaculture and promote international cooperation in the aquaculture sector towards the post-pandemic of COVID-19, YSFRI (Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences) and the Secretariat of NACA (Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific) plan to jointly hold the International Forum on Aquaculture in Silk Road Countries: the Sustainable Development Towards the Post-pandemic of COVID-19 in the form of a webinar **on 24-25 November 2020**. This online forum aims to promote the sustainable development of aquaculture, including the discussion of case studies, concepts, measures, models, and experiences of sustainable aquaculture development under the new global challenge of COVID-19 on aquaculture. The 2-day forum is planned to invite 12-15 experts from different countries and organisations for the panellist and is expected to be participated in from more than 20 countries and relevant international organisations.

As you are a well-known expert working on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on aquaculture, we are honoured to invite you to attend the online forum via a zoom meeting event to deliver a 25-minute presentation, including a 20-minute report plus a 5-minute Q&A discussion related to mitigation strategies for the COVID-19 impacts on aquaculture in Malaysia.

If you are available for the forum, a draft meeting schedule will be provided as soon as possible. We would sincerely appreciate your kind acceptance for the invitation and the confirmation of your presentation topic **by 15 November 2020**.

I'm looking forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Jie Huang, Ph.D.

Director General

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