

to sustainable agro-industry. Third it aims to promote interaction and communication among researchers, observers and practitioners to discuss and discover solutions to the problems related to the development of the agro-industry and how it can further improve welfare.

Topics of interest for the conference are divided into four major categories, namely: **Economics, Social and Business; Agronomy; Soil and Land Management; Agricultural engineering.** Our keynote speaker Prof. Lilik Soetiarso from Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia will present a keynote speech entitled "*The Role of Bio-system Engineering in Green Agro-Industry*". Other invited speakers from a broad range of backgrounds including leading industry and academic experts will provide insights into sustainable agro-industry from various perspectives. In addition, the supporting papers from the participants will also enrich and liven the discussions related to the development of sustainable agro-industry.

On behalf of ICGAI Committee I would like to apologize that due to unforeseen circumstances three of our invited speakers: Assoc. Prof. Shiva Muthaly (RMIT University, Australia); Prof. (Rev). Wimalaratana (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka); and Assoc. Prof. Ping Fang (Tongji University, China) were unable to attend this conference. I am sorry for this inconvenience.

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Thank you and I wish everyone a fruitful and pleasant day ahead.

Wassalamu'alaikum wa rahmatulahi wa barokatuh

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