



8th Organic Asia Congress
Sept 17~19, 2025, Ninh Binh City, Vietnam
“Organics for a Better Future”

Congress Program

Sept 17 (Day 1) Opening Ceremony Moderators: Local MC	
08:30 - 09:00	Cultural Performance Opening Ceremony Promotional Video of Ninh Binh Introduction of VIPs /Foreign Guests Opening Speech Mathew John, President of IFOAM-Organics Asia Welcoming Speech Representative of Vietnam Government Representative of Ninh Binh Congratulatory Speeches by Local VIPs Local VIP (Hanoi City) Local VIP (MARD) Ms. Yoshikuni Watanabe Mayor of Kisarazu City, Japan
10:00	Group Photo & Break
10:20	Keynote Speech 1 “Key Trends in the Development of Organic Agriculture Around the World” By Marco Schluter, Vice-President, IFOAM-Organics International

10:40	Keynote Speech 2 “The Policies and Support Measures for the Development of Organic Agriculture in Vietnam” By Ha Phuc Mich, President of Vietnam Organic Agriculture Association
11:00	Presentation 1 “Organic Support Policies of China” By Wu Zhengtao, Deputy-President, China Agricultural Association of International Exchange (CAAIE)
11:20	Presentation 2 “Regenerative and Organic – The Way Forward” By Andre Leu, International Director, Regeneration International
11:40	Q & A
12:00	Special Presentations (Sponsor Promotions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naturland, Local Companies & Strategic Partners of IFOAM-Organics Asia - Speech of Mr. Ngo Minh Hai, Chairman of TH Group's Board of Directors speaking on behalf of the sponsor
12:30	Lunch

Session 1 (Policy) Moderator: Shaikh Tanveer Hossain, Director of Policy and Strategy, IFOAM-Organics Asia		Session 2 (Innovation) Moderator: Vien Kim Cuong – Executive Board member of VOAA
13:30	“Achieving 100% Organic: Organic Policy and Programs of the Government of Sikkim” By Sundar Anbalagan, CEO, Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency, Agriculture Department, Government of Sikkim	Launching of the VOAA-Naturland Learning Platform & Exploring the Role of Digital in Knowledge Transfer Panel discussion by Naturland
14:00	“The Organic Agriculture Strategy of Bhutan” By Kesang Tshomo, Executive Specialist, Organic Agriculture Sector Development & Advisor to the Department of Agriculture of Bhutan	Panel Discussion: The Role of Digital Training in Organic Agriculture Knowledge Transfer Moderator: Mr. Konrad Hauptfleisch – Naturland Training Expert Participants: - Mr. Brendan Rosen, Naturland’s main lecturer in the Philippines and Naturland Academy Program Manager - Ms. Tu Thi Tuyet Nhung, member of the Standing Committee of the Vietnam Organic Agriculture

		Association - Ms. Nguyen Hai Xuan, Representative of QuaCert Conformity Certification Center in Vietnam - Ms. Nguyen Hang Nga, Deputy Director of DACE
14:30	“Government Policy and Programs for Youth in Organic Farming” By Bernadette San Juan (Director, National Organic Agriculture Program, Department of Agriculture, Philippines)	Environmentally Friendly Food Program for Pregnant Women and New Mothers By: Mrs. Jennifer Chang, Executive Director, IFOAM-Organics Asia/ Founder, Women in Organic Agriculture Asia (WOAA)
15:00	Organic agriculture and tourism policy By Dinh Van Khiem, Vice- Director of Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Organic Agriculture and Rural Reconstruction – The Case of Lingkou County – China By: Zhu Zejiang, Former Chairman – IFOAM Asia Advisory Board)
15:30	Q & A	Q & A
15:40	Break	Break
16:00	India’s Organic Production Programme By: Dr. Saswati Bose – Director General, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)	Fast changing regulatory frameworks around organic and sustainable agriculture, consumer behaviour and greenwashing: opportunity or risk By Chauffaille Samuel, Managing Director of Ecocert Asia Pacific
16:30	“Organic Development of Kisarazu City” By Yoshikuni Watanabe, Mayor of Kisarazu City, Japan	The Journey of breeding the World’s Best Rice ST25 and building brand “Rice of Mr Cua” By Ho Quang Cua, Brand Owner
17:00	Organic Development in Ha Noi – Vietnam. The experience and lessons learnt By Tạ Văn Tường – Vice Director of Ha Noi Agriculture & Environment Dept	Organic production with tourism in the buffer zone of Trang An Heritage, the sustainable direction for indigenous farming By Hoang Minh Thanh, Chair of the Board of RiTi Coop, Ninh Binh
17:30	Q & A	Q & A
17:50	Wrap up	Wrap up
19:00	Welcoming Party (cultural performances)	

(Sept 18) Day 2: Special Event	
8:30 - 10:00	Awards for Organic Agriculture Promotion Journalism – The Vietnam Organic Agriculture Magazine contest
Break	

Morning Sessions		
Session 2 (Best Practices) Moderator: Dr. Prof Dao The Anh, Vice Director of Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS)		Session 3 (Marketing) Moderator: Konrad Hauptfleisch, CEO Starfish Organic
10:00	“Soilkee System: Improving soil health and agricultural productivity” Neils Olsen, CEO, Soilkee	Impacts of PGS in Asia Successes, Challenges, lessons learned, Steps forward. PGS Vietnam: Tu ThiTuyet Nhung PGS India: Vishala Padmanabhan PGS Philippines: Edgardo Uychiat PGS Sri Lanka: Thilak Kariyawasam
10:30	Organic Agriculture Development in Tunisia-20 Years of Experience By Khaled Sassi, Head of the General Directorate of Organic Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia	
11:00	Apply biological control to manage mealybugs in organic orange – A case of Ham Yen, Tuyen Quang province – Viet Nam By Dao Thi Hang, Plant Protection Institute	Market for spice of Vietnam – The Challenges and steps forward – Case of Son Ha company By Lê Văn Long, Head of Sustainability
11:30	Production and world-wide distribution of organic vegetables By Zhao Yuqi, President, Qimei Industrial Group Co, Ltd.	1 million hectares of high-quality rice based on low carbon emissions program By Le Duc Thinh, Director, The Department of Economic Cooperation and Rural Development
12:00	“Production of Jujube dates in the desert” By Gao Songzhan, President of Heshuo Farmers’ Cooperative, Hetian City	“Value-addition of Organic Rice” By Yi Shiqi (CEO, Likar Organic, China)
12:30	Q & A	Q & A
12:45	Lunch	Lunch

Sessions Continue		
Moderator: Mr. Pham Minh Duc - Member of the Standing Committee of Vietnam Organic Agriculture Association, Director of Ecolink organic tea company		Moderator: Satoko Miyoshi, Board Member, National School Lunches Alliance of Japan
14:00	The Current Development Status and Future Prospects of the Organic Tea Industry in China By Yang Jinyong, Deputy Director of the Management Committee, Organic Tea Certification and Development Center,	The Role of VOAA in market development for Viet Nam organic sector By: Mrs. Dang Thi Bich Huong – VOAA Vice President - General Secretary

	Tea Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences	
14:30	The success story of Muc Dong, the first small-scale organic dairy farmer in Vietnam By Nguyen Thi Thinh, Farm owner	Standardization and innovation in organic testing: From international standards to application in Asia and Vietnam - GMO detection solutions in Food safety and supply chain” By Nguyễn Thị Phương Vỹ, Advisory Service Manager, Eurofins Sắc Ký Hải Đăng
15:00	“Organic aquaculture in China” Presented by: Ms. Qu Li (Lisa), Beijing Wuzhou Hengtong Certification Co., Ltd. – China	“Adapting to the New EU Organic Regulation (EC 2018/848)/USDA-SOE: Opportunities and Challenges for Vietnam and Asia” By: Le Quy Hoa Binh: EU Organic Certification Coordinator – Control Union
15:30	“Increasing value in organic tea production – meaning and implementation lessons” Presented by: Mr. Ly Thanh Nhan – Director of Phin Ho Tea Processing Cooperative	“Cold Mountain Organic Chain - Marketing of Organic Tea and Herbs from Nagaland” By Lanuakum Imchem, CEO, Cold Mountain Organic & co-chair, Young Organics-Global Network
16h00	Break	
16:15	Organic coffee production in Highland of Vietnam, the opportunities and Challenges By: Ms. Nhi Trinh - Vice Director of HAPII Coffee (FNB VIETNAM)	Organic Product Traceability -Transmitting Quality and Trust By Xu Qi, Manager of Inspection Department & Senior inspector, Organic Food Development & Certification Centre of China (OFDC)
16:45	Production of organic milk and food at TH TrueMilk Group – Vision and Prospects Presented by: Mr. Pham The Quyen - Director of Research and Development Department, TH Group	“Detection of Organic Rice Quality Via Mobile Map” By Wahyudi David, Professor, Bakrie University
17:15	Innovative Organic Sandbar Farming: A pro-poor model for food and nutrition security in Bangladesh By Dr. M. Asaduzzaman Sarker Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Extension Education, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, Bangladesh	VNPT Green platform for PGS & ICS By Trong Hai Duong, Director of Center for Green Agriculture, VNPT Group

17:45	Q & A	Q & A
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Closing Ceremony		
Moderator: Ramon Uy, Jr (Board Member, IFOAM-Organics Asia & CEO, FreshStart)		
18:00	Report from the Sessions By Ryan Bestre, International Liaison officer, Young-Organics Global Network By Tiatemjen Jamir, Secretary, Nagaland Organic Konnect	

18:10	Adoption of the 8 th OAC Declaration
18:15	Message of Thanks & Recognitions By Mathew John, President, IFOAM-Organics Asia
18:20	Farewell Messages Local Hosts Ha Phuc Mich, President of Vietnam Organic Agriculture Association Handover to the Next Hosts
18:45	End of Program
19:00	Cultural Night, Visit the Fair

	(Sept 19) Day 3: Farm Visit & Sightseeing	
07:00 – 12:00	Farm Visit	Sightseeing
	Ninh Binh Golden Camellia Park	Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 ...	Transfer to Airport or Hanoi	