

# Natural Hazards and Changing Marine Environment in the Western Pacific

## Announcement

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Symposium sponsored by National Oceanography Directorate of the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation, Malaysia and Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/WESTPAC) of UNESCO will be held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Malaysia. Universiti Malaysia Sabah will host this international event.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in this symposium. The Symposium will provide a platform for scientists to present, discuss and share their research findings and experiences related to its theme “**Natural Hazards and Changing Marine Environment in the Western Pacific**”.

Within this theme, there are four sub-themes:

- Effect of climate change on the Western Pacific,
- Coastal and offshore processes in the Western Pacific and their measurement,
- Marine environmental forecast and data management, and
- Marine ecosystem health.

Each of these sub-themes covers a range of topics. Papers are also solicited from new research and updated knowledge on scientific innovations and technologies in the context of the overall theme explained above.

In addition, a research exhibition is being planned to showcase advances in oceanography. This will comprise display of innovative findings, screening of films and, if possible, some live demonstrations.

The organizers of the 7<sup>th</sup> IOC/WESTPAC Symposium are inviting papers for oral and poster presentation as well as proposals for workshops/seminars for special topics. The Symposium will be held 21–25 May 2008 at the Sutera Harbor Resorts in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.

Abstracts of papers and workshop/seminar proposals must be received no later **28 February 2008**.

For the Symposium details and updates please visit the official website:

<http://www.ums.edu.my/conferences/iocwestpac7>

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the city of Kota Kinabalu on the island of Borneo, known for its beautiful marine heritage, forest covered croaker hills and unparalleled hospitality. We hope you will be able to confirm your participation in the Symposium well in time.

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