

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS:

4th EAST ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
[EARCOME 4]

“Meeting the Challenges Of Developing A Quality Mathematics Education Culture”

18-22 JUNE 2007

CITY BAYVIEW HOTEL, PENANG, MALAYSIA

Organized by



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School of Mathematical Sciences
Universiti Sains Malaysia

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INTRODUCTION

Mathematics education and culture are inseparable. The East Asian nations are made up of diverse cultural groups. However, these nations share similar aspects of culture such as education system and cultural beliefs about education. This conference which embraces the cultures of both East Asia and South East Asia is especially significant in celebrating differences and yet finding common ideas and issues for discussion and exchange.

The ICME-East Asia Regional Conference series on mathematics education was first held in 1998 (Korea), the second in 2003 (Singapore) and the third in 2005 (Shanghai, China). Universiti Sains Malaysia will hold the 4th EARCOME in 2007 in Penang, Malaysia.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the conference are to provide a forum for mathematics educators, teachers and graduate students from the region and beyond to discuss issues, exchange ideas and to present their research findings pertaining to mathematics education.

THEME

Meeting the Challenges of Developing a Quality Mathematics Education Culture

SUB THEMES

- Mathematics curriculum reform in multicultural settings
- Assessment issues and practices in mathematics education
- Teaching and learning of mathematics
- Mathematics teacher education and professional development
- Integration of ICT in promoting a quality mathematics education
- Teaching and learning of mathematics in second language

Papers reflecting other aspects of mathematics education are also welcomed.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

- Plenary lecture
- Regular lecture
- Parallel paper presentation
- Poster exhibition
- Workshop
- Round table discussion

PLENARY SPEAKERS

1. Prof Paul Ernest (United Kingdom): *What is Mathematics Education Culture?*
2. Prof Wei Chi Yang (USA): *Making Mathematics Accessible to Most through Innovative Use of Technology*
3. Prof Azlan Zanzali (Malaysia): *A Holistic Approach of Assessment in Mathematics*
4. Prof Berinderjeet Kaur (Singapore): *Teaching And Learning Of Mathematics: What Really Matters To Teachers And To Students?*
5. Prof Ryosuke Nagaoka (Japan): *How the Respect for Mathematics Education Can Be Kept In Societies: A Key Conception to Be Shared Among Mathematics Teachers*

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (IPC):

Chair: Professor Dato' Dr. Rosihan M. Ali
(Deputy Vice Chancellor of USM)

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 6. Prof. Bienvenido F Nebres (Philippines) -
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

1. Director/representative (Curriculum Development Centre)
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LANGUAGE of the conference

English

CALL FOR PAPERS

Intending participants are invited to present individual papers either in parallel sessions or poster exhibition. Abstract for paper or poster presentation should not exceed 250 words and should be submitted by email as Microsoft Word attachment to earcome4@usm.my before **31 October 2006**. The abstract should be submitted as a single file in Microsoft Word format using Times New Roman 11-point font size and single-spacing. Please also include title, author(s), institution, postal address, fax, telephone numbers and email address at the beginning of the abstract.

Full papers of accepted abstracts should be submitted by **31 December 2006**. All papers will be reviewed. Only accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. Please note that there is an 8-page limit on the length of the paper. Authors are advised to refer to the conference web site <http://www.usm.my/education/earcome4> for specific guidelines.

To avoid confusion or loss of abstracts or papers, please name your file as follows:
EARCOME4_<your name>_country.doc. For example: EARCOME4_John_David_uk.doc or EARCOME4_Ahmad_Ali_my.doc

Please note that papers can only be included in the final program and printed in the Proceedings if received from participants who have **already registered** for the conference **and have paid the full registration fee**.

REGISTRATION FEES

Fees	Overseas		Malaysian	
	Participant*	Student**	Participant*	Student**
EARLY BIRD registration (before 31 March 2007)	USD 250	USD150	RM600	RM300
Registration (after 31 March 2007)	USD300	USD175	RM650	RM350

*Fees are inclusive of conference materials, conference proceedings, daily lunch and tea breaks.

****Please include a copy of your valid student card or an acknowledgement from the Head of Department that the participant is a student is required. Student fee does not include conference proceedings.**

Registration fees must be paid on or before **18 May 2007** by bank draft/banker's cheque /postal order/telegraphic transfer/credit card to: **Bursar, Universiti Sains Malaysia.**

[Please mail or fax the registration form (Appendix I) and payment to the secretariat.]

FEES REDUCTION and GRANT APPLICATION

Fees reduction and a limited grant application can be considered for participants from the non-affluent East Asian countries. Interested applicants may refer to the conference website or write to the secretariat for more information.

VENUE and ACCOMMODATION

The 4th EARCOME conference will be held at a 4-star hotel, the City Bayview Hotel, Penang, Malaysia. The City Bayview Hotel offers a special conference rate of RM145 nett for a single or double room (inclusive of breakfast).

Please contact the hotel for reservations:

Tel: 604-263 3161 Fax: 604-263 7232 Email: info@citybayviewpg.com.my

Website: www.citybayviewpg.com.my

Other nearby hotels available are: [please contact the hotel for reservations]

Hotel	**Room rates nett with buffet breakfast (per room per night)		Contact Number
Hotel Continental (2 minutes walking distance from conference venue)	Standard double (2 pax) Standard Quad (4 pax) Superior (2 pax) Deluxe (2 pax)	RM80.50 RM115.00 RM88.00 RM138.00	Tel: 604-2636388 Fax: 604-2638718 Email: hotelconti@po.jaring.my
Hotel Malaysia (2 minutes walking distance from conference venue)	Standard single/double Triple/Quad	RM87.40 RM110.40	Tel: 604-2633311 Fax: 604-2631621 Email: hotelmal@tm.net.my Website: http://www.hotelmalaysia.com.my
Cititel Hotel (5 minutes walking distance from conference venue)	Standard Single Standard Twin Superior single Superior Twin	RM120.00 RM140.00 RM140.00 RM165.00	Tel: 604-3701188 Fax: 604-3702288 Email: infopen@cititelhotel.com or <Amran.mktgpen@cititelhotel.com> Website: www.cititelhotel.com

** The rate is quoted as given by the hotel. May subject to changes.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of abstract	31 October 2006
Notification of abstract acceptance	30 November 2006
Submission of full paper	31 December 2006
Notification of paper acceptance	28 February 2007
Early bird registration	31 March 2007
Conference date	18-22 June 2007

For further information, please contact:

Conference Secretariat
School of Educational Studies
Universiti Sains Malaysia
11800 Minden, Penang, Malaysia
Tel: 604-6533888 ext 3446/3187
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Appendix I:

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

Name:

Title: Prof. Associate Prof Dr. Mr. Ms.

Organization:

Address:

Postal code:

City:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Fax:

2. Conference Fee*

	Local participants	Please tick (√)	Overseas participant	Please tick (√)
Early Bird Registration (before 31 March 2007)	RM600		USD 250	
Registration (after 31 March 2007)	RM650		USD300	
**Students (before 31 March 2007)	RM300		USD150	
**Students (after 31 March 2007)	RM350		USD175	

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3. Payment information

Prepaid Advanced Registration must be electronically submitted, faxed or mailed no later than **18 May 2007. Registration forms must be accompanied by full payment in order to be processed.** Incorrect credit card numbers and declined credit card are considered non payments and registration will not take place.

Mode of payment (Please tick)

By Cheque or bank draft (Payable to: **Bursar, Universiti Sains Malaysia**).

By Credit card (VISA/Master; 3% charges applied). Please fill in the form below and fax or mail to the Secretariat.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORITY

Bursar, Universiti Sains Malaysia

I, _____, Passport No. _____

hereby authorize the Universiti Sains Malaysia to debit my Mastercard/VISA with the following amount:

Card holder's name:

Card number:

Expiry date:

Amount: USD

Authorized signature:

Date:

By Telegraphic transfer

If you wish to pay through telegraphic transfer please notify the conference secretariat before transferring. All transfers should be made to the account below:

Account number: 0702- 0001054 - 71- 6
Bank: Bank Muamalat Malaysia Bhd.
Branch: Universiti Sains Malaysia
Swift code: BMMBMYKL

Please send/fax a copy of your transfer or bank receipt to the Conference Treasurer (attn: Dr. Zurida Ismail). You are responsible for the bank service charges and should not be deducted from the total payable amount. The treasurer will send an acknowledgement upon receipt of payment.

Cancellation policy

The secretariat should be notified of cancellations in writing (fax or email only). A full refund of registration fees, less US\$50 administrative fee will be given to cancellation requests **before 18 April 2007 only.**

Please mail or fax this registration form and payment to:

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