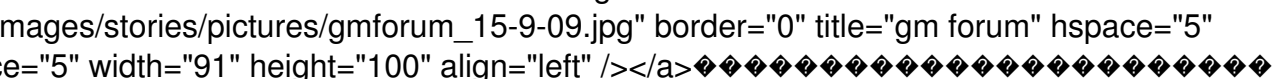


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The Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations, FOMCA and the Southeast Asian Council for Food Security and Fair Trade (SEACON) are pleased to jointly organize a half day Public Forum on "Genetic Engineering of Rice and Other Crops" on 5th October 2009.

Rice is the life of Asia. One of the calls of the People's Year of Rice Action 2009-2010 is protection of Asia's rice heritage. YORA thus addresses the issue of GE rice and other crops in Asia and its impacts on small rice farmers and rice consumers. This Public Forum addresses one of the most debated issues in the agricultural community on genetically engineered foods and agricultural produce. Some agricultural experts feel foods and agricultural produce derived from genetic engineering technology will help bring an end to the current agricultural challenges and food security. Meanwhile, there are others who believe these so-called frankenfoods have no advantage over traditional, natural foods and our research efforts are better served elsewhere.

We hope that the Forum will be interesting, constructive and beneficial through an active interaction with the participants and that it will help steer policy in the right direction on the matter of GE in food and agriculture.

Looking at Malaysian context, the Public Forum will reflect on the experiences on genetic engineering technologies in the crop, forestry, livestock, fisheries/aquaculture and agro-industry sectors, and reflect on lessons learned or experienced from other countries, particularly, developed countries shown to have engaged extensively on genetically engineered food and agriculture.

Programme details are as follows:

Public Forum on "Genetic Engineering of Rice and Other Crops"

Date: 5th October 2009 (Monday)

Duration: 9am - 2pm

Venue : TNB Sports Complex, Tenaga Nasional Berhad,

129, Jalan Bangsar, 50732, Kuala Lumpur.

We are pleased to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues to be part of this forum. The programme is attached for your information. A reply slip is also attached to be faxed (Fax No. 03-7873 0636) to us on or before October 2, 2009 to confirm your organization's participation. Please contact Ms. Siew Hui at 03-7877 4648 or email

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