

Title	The 1 st International Conference on Wild Plant Seeds	
Organizer	Baekdudaegan National Arboretum, and Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO)	
Type of event	Conference	
Venue	Room 104-106	
Date/Time	Wednesday, 19 June; 13:30-17:00 (excluding coffee break)	
Event description		
<p>Seed conservation is one of the important activities and strategies of restoring degraded forest landscape. Sustained supply of quality seeds through systematic management of seed materials propels the success of the restoration efforts and assures resilience of the restored landscape. The Republic of Korea had received aid from many countries including the Asia-Pacific countries, when the country was devastated in the 1950~60s due to the Korean War and land use change for industrialization. Thanks to the aid and efforts for forest rehabilitation by Korea Forest Service (KFS), Korea's forest has greened at a rapid pace. As remembering kind aids, Korea Forest Service had constructed the BSV, the first permanent storage facility for wild plant species, spending more than 13 million dollars for 4 years starting in 2012 to play a role as a donor contributing to the preservation of biodiversity of the world. The Baekdudaegan National Arboretum (BDNA) operates the BSV and also Seed Bank for research of wild plant seeds.</p> <p>Purpose : To raise awareness on the importance of conserving wild plant species in providing potential sources of materials to restore the degraded lands and forests; promote international cooperation in Asia-Pacific region by sharing vision and mission of BSV that aspires to safeguard forest biodiversity for future generations. The conference will be jointly organized by BDNA and AFoCO with a subject 'Ex-situ Conservation Strategy for Wild Plant Seeds in the Asia-Pacific region, advancing forest landscape restoration through retention of biodiversity'. International speakers will be invited from the countries which demonstrate good practices of wild plant seed conservation or political support for systematic seed management in forestry including Cambodia. Professor Jung Kuyoung of Andong National University and Dr. Kim Yongsik of Chollipo Arboretum will be the chair of session 1 and 2 individually.</p>		
Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
13:30-13:35	MC	Opening
13:35-13:40	Kim Yong-Ha (Director General, Baekdudaegan National Arboretum)	Welcoming remarks
13:40-13:45	Chencho Norbu (Executive Director of AFoCO)	Congratulatory remarks
Session 1: Conservation Strategies of Wild Plant Seeds in the Republic of Korea		
13:45-13:50	Moderator: Dr. Cung Gyu-Young (Professor, Andong National University)	Opening Session 2
13:50-14:10	Dr. Kang Gi-Ho (Director, Baekdudaegan National Arboretum)	Baekdudaegan Global Seed Vault: The Mid/Long-term Conservation Strategy of Wild Plant Seeds in Asia



14:10-14:30	Dr. Kim Jae-Hyun (Director, Korea National Arboretum)	Wild Plant Seeds Conservation Policy of Republic of Korea and Management Strategy of KNS Seed Bank
14:30-14:50	Dr. Chang Young Hyo (Director, Korea ABS Research Center)	Access to Genetic Resources and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in South Korea
14:50-15:00	Moderator	Q & A
Session 2: Conservation Strategies of Wild Plant Seeds in Southeast Asia		
15:30-15:35	Moderator: Dr. Kim Yong-Shik (Director of Chollipo Arboretum)	Opening Session 2
15:35-15:55	Mr. SEAB Kimsrim (Official, Forest Wildlife Research and Development Institute)	Conservation of Forest Genetic Resources and Forest Rehabilitation in Cambodia
15:55-16:15	Dr. Ei (Staff Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation)	Myanmar's Forest Seed and Genetic Resources Management in the Context of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2020
16:15-16:35	Mr. Sucht Kalyawongsa (Director, Royal Forest Department)	Seed Supply and Management System in Thailand
16:35-16:55	Moderator	Q & A and Open Discussion
16:55-17:00		Closing Remarks