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FAOPMA-PEST SUMMIT 2017 CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

November 2017 saw the merger of the Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers Association (FAOPMA) with Pest Summit, so that henceforth the industry will project a unified voice.

FAOPMA is the umbrella body that represents the pest control associations predominantly in North Asia. Pest Summit is the convention organiser for pest management in South East Asia.

The occasion was marked by a combined convention in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The organising chairman Su-Chart Lee reported that a record 1,509 delegates with 153 exhibitors attended the event. It was a mini-United Nations with the flags of 35 countries fluttering at the Empress Hotel. Thailand was dominant with more than a quarter of the participants.



The delegation from Aardwolf Pestkare Singapore and Indonesia, posing with Professor Lee Chow Yang, the Keynote Speaker at the convention.

Professor Lee Chow Yang delivered the Keynote Address entitled “Present Challenges and Issues Confronting the Pest Management Industry and Vector Control in Asia”.

He elaborated key challenges in business, technical aspects, pest emergence and human resources. Amongst those challenges that were highlighted were the impact of intense acquisition of companies by large multinational pest management companies, influence of climate change of mosquito vectors of dengue and Zika, and the challenges in retaining staff of the millennial generation. As of now, we are also seeing more and more of our junior staff leaving to join Uber and Grab. Prof Lee also discussed finding the solutions to some of these challenges using Blue Ocean Strategy and Ancient Military Strategies.