

The 6th Philippine Shrimp Congress (PSC 2008) is scheduled to be held in Bacolod City on May 28-30, 2008 at the newly renovated Bacolod Pavilion Resort Hotel. This year's shrimp congress will focus on technologies and issues on cost-efficiency, biosecurity, and the development of new markets, both for the black tiger and the white shrimp, with the theme Production innovations and market access. In all, some 20 foreign and local resource persons covering various fields of interest will be participating in the said event.

Slated to be the most important gathering of the Philippine shrimp industry in 2008, the 3-day congress and simultaneous trade exhibit is expected to draw no less than 700 industry leaders and practitioners engaged in grow-out farming, hatchery operations, feed milling, processing/exporting, and input supplies. Also in attendance are representatives from the government, academe, and research sectors. The growing popularity of white shrimp (*Penaeus vannamei*) farming in the Philippines is expected to dominate the discussions and is anticipated to fuel the expansion of the industry, after years of stagnation due to diseases with the black tiger.

PSC 2008 kicks off in the afternoon of May 28 with the opening of the exhibit and the pre-conference seminars on domestic marketing and hatchery operations. The congress formally opens at 5 pm, followed by dinner, welcome activities, and fellowship. The technical sessions starts on May 29 with regional reports and country presentations from Thailand, Vietnam, India, and Ecuador. Afternoon sessions will cover discussions on the domestic market and advances in grow-out technology. The last day of the event, May 30 will focus on biosecurity and nutrition, Philippine shrimp industry updates, and the business meeting of PhilShrimp.

PSC 2008 offers an excellent opportunity for companies engaged in aquaculture to touch base with the burgeoning local industry to promote technology, products and services. The event is open to industry participation through selected technical presentations, trade exhibits, and corporate sponsorship. For further information, please contact: The Congress Secretariat at tel/fax: (63-34) 434-2559, (63-34) 433-2131, e-mail: [philshrimp@aquaphil.org](mailto:philshrimp@aquaphil.org). For updates, log on to: [www.aquaphil.org](http://www.aquaphil.org).