## THE VETIVER SYSTEM AND ITS MANY ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

International experts from The Vetiver Network International (TVNI) led by Dr. Paul Truong, together with local end-users will share their knowledge on the economic value and numerous applications of the Vetiver System that are responsive to environmental mitigation needs over a broad range of ecological conditions during the 1<sup>st</sup> Philippine Conference on Vetiver, March 5-7, 2014 at the Grand Ballroom of the Intercontinental Manila.

The three-day Conference will feature plenary sessions, case study presentations and workshops, highlighted by a whole day Technical Tour on the third day. Keynoting the Opening Ceremonies is Senator Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committees on Local Government and Public Works.

Plenary topics to be covered include the State of the Philippine Environment; The Vetiver System and its Global Applications; The Application of Vetiver in Real Estate Development; and the Socio-Economic Impact of Vetiver.

Case study presentation and workshop topics include Treating Industrial Wastewater through Vetiver; Slope Stabilization; Prevention and Treatment of Contaminated Wastewater; Reclamation of Mine Tailings; Propagation Methods of Vetiver; Soil Improvement, Wetland and Marginal Land Restoration; Agricultural Use, Nitrogen Fixing and Integrated Pest Management Features of Vetiver; Stabilizing Geo-Hazard Areas; and "Implementation of Vetiver Use in Public Infrastructure.

The conference also invites submission of papers for oral or poster presentation. Topics of interest should be based on the Case Study Tracks outlined in the Technical Program.

Environmental and other policy makers; local government units; watershed managers; public infrastructure planners and managers; private businesses involved in construction, property development, mining, among others; research institutions and academe; international development agencies and non-government organization; farming communities would greatly benefit in attending the conference.

Early bird rate of US\$125.00 can be availed until January 31, 2014. For Conference and Exhibit details, please contact the Conference Secretariat at e-mail meet\_inc98@yahoo.com.

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