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The construction and landscape work on the 170 hectares of Expo 2023 Doha Exhibition Site is following a plan of five packages.

Mr Mücahit Şengül spoke about the developments that are nearing completion for Expo 2023 Kahramanmaraş in Türkiye.

The construction and landscape package for the 500 hectares of Expo 2023 Kahramanmaraş is to be completed in the second quarter of 2020.

Expo 2023 Doha aims to demonstrate that positive change is possible, even in the harshest climates, and using this theme to showcase the latest technologies and innovations in agriculture, water, energy, and environmental solutions.

The Expo aims to host at least 80 countries that will bring their know-how, experiences, solutions, and innovations in agriculture, horticulture, water management, energy solutions, and much more.

Mr Ali Alkhoori said: “This perspective, the word “sensitivity” emphasises the necessity of human attention to nature and natural life. In this context, the expression “Nature-Friendly City” points to the new form that global urbanisation should take.”

AIPH approves Malatya International Horticultural Expo 2028

Malatya Metropolitan Municipality receives AIPH approval for Expo 2028 Malatya

AIPH members approved the application from Malatya Metropolitan Municipality for a Category B International Horticultural Exhibition in the city of Malatya, Türkiye, for 2028, which is anticipated to be the first-ever such event in the Middle East and North Africa region. If approved, it will make Malatya the first city in the region to host an international horticultural exhibition.

Malatya is in the Eastern Anatolia region of Türkiye. It is a multicultural city and home to almost one million people. It also has a rich history of more than 7,000 years, serving as an important meeting point for many civilizations passing through it. Malatya is famous worldwide for its dried apricot production. Due to its geographical structure, Malatya has different climatic characteristics. In the city, where the continental and Mediterranean climate prevail, the winter months are cold, and the spring months are mild, but the rainfall is high.

Expo 2023 Malatya will take place for six months, from April to October, expecting up to three million visitors. The 76-hectare Expo site is proposed in the Turgut Özal Nature Park area, a natural green area owned by the municipality, which contains the Turgut Özal Memorial Park.

The Organising Committee of the Buckwheat in the Kordofan-Adamawa region Expo 2023, represented by Mr. Jaafar Adam Emir, spoke on behalf of the farmers who participated in the event. He thanked Expo 2023 for over 30 international participants and 8 million visitors.
The green transformation project of Expo 2026 İzmir has many unique difficulties says Güven Eken at the Expo Conference, and he gave a description of these challenges for this project to align with its green theme: ‘Living in Harmony - The Story of Horticulture from Past to the Future.’

Mr Rapibhat Chandarasrivongs, Director General, Department of Agriculture, Mr Sayam Sirimongkol, Governor of Udon Thani province, and Mr Sakda Katekaew, Vice president of Udon Thani provincial administrative organisation, gave their first progress report for Udon Thani International Horticultural Expo 2026.

With the theme « Diversity of Life: connecting People, Water and Plants for sustainable living”, the Expo will feature three distinct zones and four highlight features in an Expo park of 165 hectares. The major milestones were presented to the AIPH secretariat and audience of the Expo Conference, including plans on planting and using renewable energies.

Fancy a 360° virtual tour of the Expo site, as seen from drones and on foot? Udon Thani’s website, featuring the tour and Expo design concepts, is now live.

C INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW NEWS

AIPH approves the 13th edition of Floralies Internationales 2024

AIPH has approved the application for Floralies Internationales 2024 from the Floralies Committee Nantes. The horticultural show will be in the 48-hectare Chabotterie estate from 17 to 26 May 2024. A vast wooded landscape surrounds the planned horticultural show area for a dramatic backdrop. The stone manor house in Saint-Sulpice-le-Verdon has a beautiful walled formal garden featuring flowerbeds, old roses and aromatic plants.

For the 2024 edition, the theme will be Flower Games. The theme is a nod to Paris, which is hosting the Olympic Games for the first time in one hundred years. The Floralies Committee Nantes is inviting international participants and developing exciting sub-themes to translate into the landscape and cultural program.

If you are interested in becoming an international participant, please contact Ms Roselyne Carlet at r.carlet@comite-des-floralies.com.
Representatives of Coventry (UK), Glasgow (UK), Brno (Czech Republic) and APEXBrasil (Brazil), at the Thailand pavilion with Mr Treve Evans (AIPH).

AIPH organised a special programme for potential Expo host cities and government authorities to attend the Expo Conference and a VIP tour of the Floriade. The programme gave delegates information on hosting an Expo or participating in an International Horticultural Expo.

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