

# Conference on dyslexia and learning disabilities in June

**KUCHING:** The Dyslexia Association of Sarawak will be organising the first Asia-Pacific Conference on Dyslexia and Other Learning Disabilities (APCoLD) 2013 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK) from June 24 to 27.

Focusing on 'Research Linking Classroom Management', the inaugural conference is held with the objective of drawing attention to specific learning disabilities; promoting research work on these disabilities among postgraduate students, academicians and health professionals as well as to bring together experts from both abroad and within the country on a common platform to discuss these disabilities and their associated issues.

"APCoLD 2013 which is organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of



**CONFERENCE ON DYSLEXIA:** The association's vice-president Richard Sia (fourth left) and Lee (fourth right) showing the APCoLD 2013 brochure together with association staff.

Social Welfare and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), also aims to provide a platform where intellectuals, teachers, parents and special education providers can come together to share and learn from each other in the field of learning disabilities," said the association's treasurer and head of human resource Wallace Lee

Boon Liang at a press conference here yesterday.

The speakers include award-winning international author, educational psychologist and well-sought international seminar presenter Dr Gavin Reid, leading international researcher of dyslexia and other development disabilities Professor Angela Fawcett,

Dyslexia Association of Singapore Michelle-Lynn Yap, Katsu Training and Development Malaysia founder Serena Teo and Ministry of Education special education division director Bong Muk Shin.

"We are expecting 400 participants from countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia,

Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Australia, England and the Philippines to converge at the conference," Lee disclosed.

Meanwhile, the APCoLD 2013 scientific committee is also inviting academicians and university students to submit abstract(s) of original submission for oral and poster presentations.

Those who are interested to participate should submit their works to [2013apcold@gmail.com](mailto:2013apcold@gmail.com) before April 30.

Registration for the conference is now open and those who would like to participate can log on to [www.dyslexia-swk.com](http://www.dyslexia-swk.com) for online registration or alternatively visit its Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/144351438915353>.

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