Dr. Shihua Tu Joins PPIC Staff as Deputy Director, China Program

Dr. Shihua Tu joined the staff of PPIC in the new position of Deputy Director, Southwestern China. He will work from a newly inaugurated office in the Sichuan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (SAAS) in Chengdu, Sichuan province. PPIC offices are already established in Hong Kong, Beijing, and recently in Wuhan.

Dr. Tu received his B.Sc. degree at Sichuan Agricultural University in 1982 and began his career with the Soil and Fertilizer Institute of the Sichuan Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He later continued his education at the University of Manitoba, Canada, earning his M.Sc. in Soil Science in 1989 and completing his Ph.D. in Soil Chemistry in 1993.

In 1994, Dr. Tu rejoined the Soil and Fertilizer Institute of the Sichuan Academy of Agricultural Sciences. He is a leading soil scientist on soil chemistry and fertility research. In 1995 and 1996, he was appointed Vice-Director of the Institute, and in December 1996 became Director, continuing until May of 1998.

Dr. Tu will direct programs in agronomic research and education related to market development for potash and phosphate in Sichuan, Chongqing, Yunnan, and Guizhou provinces. BCI

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study determined soil pH was most affected in fertilized plots that were unlimed (**Figure 1**). The use of NPK + lime or FYM did not result in a significant increase in soil acidity.

Long-term experimentation reveals that acid soils of eastern and northeastern India would clearly benefit from balanced fertiliser use along with adequate liming. This best management practice (BMP) has been proven to produce high yields in corn and wheat crops. The application of FYM caused no appreciable effect on soil acidity, but produced yields that were about one-half to two-thirds of those obtained with a combined treatment of NPK + lime. **BCI**

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