

Call for Contributions
Special Issue of the Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
dedicated to the work of Professor KM Goh
“Role of Soil Organic Matter in Nutrient Cycling and Plant Nutrition”

Emeritus Professor Kuan Meng Goh MAgSc, PhD, J.P., ONZM, FRSNZ, FNZIC, FNZSSS died in January 2014 at Christchurch, New Zealand aged 78 years. He had retired from Lincoln University in 2008 after 47 years in Department of Soil Science. Professor Goh's expertise was in the field of soil organic matter and soil nutrition using a wide range of isotopic techniques. Professor Goh first came to New Zealand in 1957 from Malaysia and graduated with a MAgSci from Massey Agricultural College in 1961. He was appointed Junior Lecturer and then Lecturer in Soil Science in the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of Malaysia. From 1965 to 1969 he was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in the United States, and completed his PhD in the chemistry of soil organic matter in 1969. Dr Goh then returned to New Zealand and in 1971 he was appointed as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Soil Science at Lincoln College (now Lincoln University) and in recognition of his contributions to teaching and research was promoted to Reader in 1978 and Professor in 1991. He together with his postgraduate students and other colleagues contributed some 300 reviewed publications including numerous book chapters. The topics covered included the chemical nature and turnover of organic matter in soil, soil carbon sequestration and climate change, together with soil nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur cycling. The isotopic techniques used in these studies included nitrogen-15, sulphur-35, carbon-13 and carbon-14, and also carbon-13 and phosphorus-31 nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. He also served as a subject matter reviewer for over 50 national and international scientific journals, technical publications and books. Professor Goh received a Special Achievement Award from Lincoln University in 1994, and was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 1999 for services to Soil Science and the Chinese community in New Zealand.

The main purpose of this Special Issue of the Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition is to formally recognize the significant contribution that Professor Goh made to soil science research during his long and distinguished career.

We invite contributions describing original research on the Role of Soil Organic matter in Nutrient Cycling and Plant Nutrition., which can be submitted via the Journal of Soil Science at Plant Nutrition website (<http://cl.submission.scielo.org/>).

With kind regards,

Leo Condron, Lincoln University, New Zealand [Guest Editor]

Alex Seguel, Universidad de La Frontera, Chile [Managing Editor]

Maria de la Luz Mora, Universidad de La Frontera, Chile [Editor-in Chief]

Prof Leo M Condron FNZSSS

Professor of Biogeochemistry

Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Burns Wing 220

P O Box 85084

Lincoln University

Lincoln 7647

Christchurch

New Zealand