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FOOD PROCESSING IN DEVELOPING BUMIPUTERA
ENTREPRENEUR IN SARAWAK**

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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out to determine the impact of MARDI's practical training on food processing in developing Bumiputera entrepreneur in Sarawak, which factors in the training delivery that are more competent and also to study the problems faced by Bumiputera entrepreneur . A total of 330 former trainees from 650 population has been randomly selected to be the respondents of the study. A set of questionnaire was designed to gain primary data from the respondents to know in what way the training impacting them. The overall finding of the study indicates that knowledge, confidence and skill were most significant impact on trainees. Meanwhile number of participants and practical aspect of training were two most important factors in training delivery. With regard to problems, the studies show that product promotion and certification were most serious problem faced by entrepreneur. In conclusion, some suggestion have been made to strengthen the impact, improved training delivery and to minimize the problems faced by the entrepreneurs and recommendations for future research have also been included in the final part of the report.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI) was formed in 1969 under MARDI Act 1969. It was then, came into establishment in 1971 by the late Tun Abdul Razak Hussein which boldly state six problems in agriculture to be tackle by MARDI. One of the problem was, the food processing technology to expand the uses for agricultural product. (Tun Razak; 1969)

Food Processing Course and Training in MARDI is a unique mechanism in transfer of technology in line with National Mission for National Empowerment of Human Resource. It was then institutionalize in 1997 until now through Technical Service Section at MARDI (Siti Hazidah Naim, 2009). Various courses had been conducted and thousands of participants had attended the courses.

It is the intention of MARDI to develop the entrepreneur through courses by upgrading facilities which focus more on the development of entrepreneur and instill awareness among the entrepreneurs on the needs to have the technical know-how in ensuring the quality of their produce. This is due to the fact that the country does not solely depend on educated personnel, but also on having a large pool of skilled workers in an ever changing world of work.