

## by Margaret Chan Kit Yok

he main objective of almost all conferences, seminars and forums is to bring together academicians, researchers and practitioners working in the respective fields of all over the world in order to exchange information and bring new contribution. Thus attending a conference is a professionally rewarding experience which gives not only the opportunity to socialize with colleagues from other institutions but also a trip to an exotic locale possible. During the last six months, I was able to catch up with some Diploma in Plantation and Industrial Management graduates and realized how much "grown-up" they have become as they are successfully established in their respective careers.

#### KONFERENSI ANTARA ISLAM BORNEO VIII (KAIB)

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), Brunei Darussalam Syed Rusdi Syed Yusof DPIM (2005-2008) Officer in Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat, Sejingkat, Kuching



## SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN OIL PALM PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT

Rh Hotel, Sibu Organized by NREB, Sarawak 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015



(Left) Salihin Sekot DPIM (1999 – 2001) Research Station Manager RRIM Similajau Research Station in Bintulu, Malaysian Rubber Board

(Third Left) Timohty Abet Isik
DPIM (2000 – 2002)
Environmental Control Officer (Agriculture) in
Natural Resource Environmental Board

(Second Right) Jasper Atong
DPIM (2001 – 2003)
Officer-in-charge of Saratok SALCRA Oil Palm
Plantation

(Right) Mohd Syukrie Bin Abu Talip (1999 – 2001) Lecturer, Mukah Campus, UiTM Sarawak

## National Farmers, Fishermen and Breeders Day

Kota Samarahan 27<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

Azahar Bin Malek DPIM (1999 – 2001) Teacher in Kapit



Abdul Manan Buserah, Mohd Zulfadly, Catherine Connie Ak Punga DPIM Graduates Sarawak Plantation Berhad

Amirul bin Othman
DPIM(2010-2012), B. Sc (Hons) Plantation
Technology Management (2013 – 2014)
Lecturer, Mukah Campus, UiTM Sarawak



#### SITE INSPECTION REPORT FOR PFI Mukah AGROPARK, PFI MUKAH

9th September 2015 Abang Shawn Findi Bin Abang Keprawi DPIM (2006 – 2009) Assistant Farm Manager in Mukah Campus, UiTM Sarawak



# PORTIES STAYING FIT

hree lecturers who are members of the Sarawak Institute of Agriculture Scientists (SIAS) formed part of the Badminton team made up of Institute of Chemist Malaysia and Sarawak Veterinary Association in the Inter-professional Games 2015. They were Associate Prof. Dr. Margaret Chan Kit Yok who

is a board member and two other badminton enthusiasts, Prof. Madya Dr. Voon Boo Hoo and Jong Li Ling. The theme for the game carnival was "Friendship through games". Though it was supposed to be friendly matches, the team put in a strong effort to win against the planners but could not fend off the strong accountants and the engineers.

#### 10th October 2015 - Sukan Negara

I joined the 5 km run in the Sukan Negara organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports which was held simultaneously throughout the nation with the main flagoff by the Prime Minister in Shah Alam Universiti Teknologi MARA campus. In Kuching, it was in Padang Merdeka.

#### 21st October 2015 - Agrovarsity Olympics 2015

The Agrovarsity Olympics was organised by the Semester 4 students of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology. I signed up for the 400 m event, believing that I could eventually grab the winner title this time round since my nemesis for two consecutive occasions had graduated. However, I was again pushed into second place just a metre



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behind a new emerging runner. Accepting the challenge, I later joined the relay team of the Semester 6 group in the  $4 \times 100$ m and  $4 \times 200$ m and I was really relieved that I did not let down the team getting third placings in both.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 — Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology Closed Badminton Championship

A one-day badminton competition really took its toll on me. After winning the ladies double champion title with Joy Joseph

from Semester Three, I teamed up with single man champion Radin Mohd Azizan from Semester 6 to compete in the mixed double. Both of us could not muster our stamina to meet the strong challenge of Mohd Zulfikar bin Kamil and his partner in the final. We lost the championship title.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – MASA-Pustaka Run ServeGroup, MASA Student Chapter of UiTM Sarawak, MASA and the State Library organized the event "Fit to serve".

I was very grateful that I could run the 4.7 km stretch non-stop successfully bettering my previous standard time. As the year is coming to a close, I feel very blessed and thankful to God for the tolerance, patience and fitness to be able to endure the physical and mental



attitude in all the sporting events. My pride of the year was to be the top 50 half-marathon runner in the women veteran category (Age 40 and above).

