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## MALAYSIAN RUBBER BOARD (MRB)



The Malaysian Rubber Board (MRB) is the custodian of the rubber industry in Malaysia. It was established on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1998, it has under its fold there well establish agencies (RRIM, MRRDB and MRELB), which are now merged into one, which have contributed significantly to the development of the rubber industry for the last 78 years. The R&D excellence in Natural Rubber, accomplished by the Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia (RRIM), has an impact on the Malaysian NR producing countries.

The primary objectives of MRB is to assist in the development and modernization of Malaysian rubber industry in all aspects from cultivation of the rubber tree, the extraction and processing of its raw rubber, the manufacture of rubber products and the marketing of rubber and its products.

Undergoing three months of practical at Stesen Penyelidikan Similajau really had giving me the chance to experience how to be more efficient in rubber estate. I also learnt that hands on experience are capable of making me to understand the theories that my lecturer taught in classes before. We had been taught how to do proper weeding and opening panel. I learnt how to do the mixture of Glyphosate and Elike. Then, we were taught on how to properly spray the weeds. The staffs also taught us how to count the cost of weeding.

We even learnt about the clones in the rubber estate. A few days of plotting had been experienced by us too. Through this training, we basically improve our communication skills with one another and learnt how to cooperate in a team. We gained the opportunity to learn new things, gain knowledge, experience and management skills in rubber plantation.

My recommendation for our practical place is prepare a schedule for the students who practical there. Based on my own experience, not having any schedule made it tough for us to keep up with the current progress. Future students that want to practical at Stesen Penyelidikan Similajau should prepare a vehicle for them so that it would ease them to buy their groceries.

In a nutshell, having my practical at Stesen Penyelidikan Similajau was an effective way to test and also to improve my knowledge as I was able to implement my theories. This kind of training should be done more often as it gives better impact to the students in term of skills and experiences.