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## **DEAN PREFACE**



Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

My heartiest congratulations go to the Committees for successfully organized PIMES September 2018. PIMES September 2018 enables lecturers and panels from strong industrial background to reflect and share significant ideas, experiences and research findings in the workplace and in partnerships. It is also hoped to encourage collaboration among the lecturers and enhance the quality and performance of the faculty. The research findings derived from this substantial event shall indicate the commitment of lecturers not only in teaching, but also in striving to unfold new knowledge and processes that will benefit the nation. The efforts of our lecturers need to be further extended to a wider audience so that the nation will benefit from the research findings. It is also hoped that, the proceedings will trigger serious thought and more robust research in the field of education as well as plantation and technology so as to help Malaysia achieve Vision 2020.

As we know, agriculture production has increased tremendously today because of the demand from various sectors in the world. To meet the challenges of increasing food demand, techniques and ways should be created to improve productivity, profitability and sustainability of the agricultural system. Industrial agricultural system has led to irretrievably changes in the landscape diversity, soil quality, environment integrity, and natural resource base. This has resulted major questions and curiosity worldwide in relation to the sustainability of agricultural production system. The most significant damage to natural ecosystems and the environment was caused by habitat conversion and corresponding climate change, loss of biodiversity and ecosystem functions, soil erosion and degradation, and pollution from fertilizers and pesticides. Concepts in plant protection have changed in past decades from exclusion or destruction of pest to pest management. Serious problems with pesticides, rapid development of pest resistance, environmental effects of pesticides, and high costs led to development of new approaches and techniques in pest management based on improved knowledge of pest dynamics and their natural enemies, and the interaction between the pest and the crop.

It remains only for me to thank all those who have helped to make this events such a great and wonderful success. Much appreciation is due to the board editor, and reviewers of all papers submitted as well as to all authors whose ideas and contributions ensured rich and lively discussion during the various sessions.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The PiMES committee and UiTM (Melaka), Jasin Campus residents are very pleased to welcome all participants in the Plantation and Management Seminar (PiMES) which is organized by Faculty and Agrotechnology.

PiMES aims to give an exposure to the students about the procedure to make a poster by extracting information from their final year project. This seminar will sharpen their communication skill as well as they can exchange and share their research result, projects, experiences and new ideas related to all aspects of studies in plantation management and agribusiness, plant sciences, soil sciences, plant protection, plant biotechnology and agricultural engineering. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy and return home with plenty of inspiration to improve agro-industry plantation practices and research activities.

**EFFECT OF AZOLLA SPP ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE AND YIELD  
OF PADDY**

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**ABSTRACT**

Rice has staple food sources to Malaysian and also as main income sources to many farmers in Malaysia. However, from year to year, the yield of paddy was decrease due to few factors and one of them is the low input of fertilizer especially nitrogen. The pure culture of *Azolla spp* was used to study the effect on growth performance and yield of paddy as *Azolla spp* was containing mechanical function that can help the uptake of nutrients. *Azolla spp* also supply the nitrogen for paddy growth as it has a symbiotic relationship with the nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria *Anabaena azollae*. The experiment was conducted by using completed randomized block design with two treatments: not incorporated with *Azolla spp* (T0) and incorporated with *Azolla spp* (T1). Five replications were applied for each treatment. NPK fertilizer was applied on all replication by same amount and watered regularly. Various parameters were taken such as Number of Leaves, Number of Tiller, Wet and Dry Weight, 1000 Grain Weight and Height of rice plant. The result revealed after 10 weeks of experiment. By using *Azolla spp* on paddy field, there is slightly significant increase on the growth of rice plant. The result show no significant on paddy height but show significant difference in paddy leaves and tiller due to the influence of *Azolla spp*. This study will attract many parties especially farmers to use *Azolla* biofertilizers for paddy cultivation.

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