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DEAN PREFACE

Assalamualaikum Warahmatulllahi 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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Assoc Prof Dr Asmah Awal

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 agribussiness, 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.

THE EFFECT OF APPLYING SUBSIDIZED ORGANIC FERTILIZER ON RICE GROWTH AND PRODUCTION

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ABSTRACT

Bat guano as subsidized organic fertilizer contains high amount of macro and micronutrients that plants require in a natural form. The production of rice can be improved when the organic matter in soil could increase by applying organic fertilizer. In order to study the effect of subsidized organic fertilizer application on rice growth and production, an experiment was carried out in randomized completely block design with four treatments and three replications. The experiment was carried out using two Malaysia varieties (MR219 and MR269). The treatments were applied on 15, 35 and 55 days after seeding (DAS). The treatment that consisted of recommended dose of inorganic fertilizer-NPK fertilizer (N=120, P=50, K=80), served as control (T1). Second treatment (T2) was the treatments when the organic fertilizer in 5:5:5 ratio was added with NPK fertilizer (N=120, P=50, K=80). Third treatment (T3) also used the organic fertilizer in 5:5:5 ratios with added the NPK fertilizer (N=100, P=30, K=60) and fourth treatment (T4) was the treatments that applied the organic fertilizer in 10:10:10 ratio with added in NPK fertilizer (N=100, P=30, K=60). The growth parameters were measured after fertilizer application with seven days interval Plant physiological parameters of plant height, SPAD, tillers and panicles also 100-grain weight did not showed any significant differences. However, straw and also grain weight showed significant differences among the treatments. The application of the organic fertilizer resulted in higher plant biomass. The results also demonstrate the fertilizer application in T2 significantly increased the percentage of the straw, filled grains and total grain yield. Farmers should be advised to apply the organic fertilizer in the ratio of full ratio at T2 as it has the best improvement on yield.

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