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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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*Assoc Prof Dr Asmah Awal*

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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.

**DIVERSITY OF *Phytophythora* spp. CAUSING BLACK POD ROT ON  
COCOA IN JASIN DISTRICT MELAKA**

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**ABSTRACT**

Cocoa was classified as economical crop in Malaysia agriculture industry. In early 2000, cocoa industry in Malaysia have declined in the number of production due to heavy infestation of pests and diseases. The most serious damage was caused by black pod rot. The major causal agents were first identify as *Phytophythora palmivora* and *Phytophythora capsici* which were commonly found in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah. *Phytophythora* spp. have a large diversity and cocoa are suitable to be their host. In high-rainfall areas, increased soil moisture can increase the potential for black pod rot disease development. Melaka state has been reported the first cacao planted area in Malaysia which suitable to carried out research study on *Phytophythora* spp. diversity infected cacao. The isolates of *Phytophythora* spp. were grown on 3 media which were tomato juice agar (TJA), corn meal agar (CMA) and potato dextrose agar (PDA) to measure the growth responds. Koch's postulates was used to confirm the pathogenicity potential for all 6 species found. All isolates show positive results for pathogenicity test in attacked healthy cocoa pod. The identification for all isolates were done based on a previous study on classification of *Phytophythora*. The *Phytophythora* spp. that attack cacao pod in Jasin district have produce almost similar symptom development but different in the rate of infestations.

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