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On February 12, 2019, after some discussions with the Perak State Malaysian Pineapple Industry Board (MPIB) or better known as Lembaga Perindustrian Nanas Malaysia (LPNM), its Head of Department and her team had made a site visit to UiTM Perak Branch, Seri Iskandar Campus. The visit was to check whether the area located was suitable for the plantation of MD2 pineapples. The MPIB team was welcomed by the Deputy Rector of Academic Affairs, Associate Professor Dr Norhayati Baharun. From the visit, MPIB had agreed to grant UiTM Perak Branch with RM17000 worth of MD2 seedlings which was equivalent to 10000 seedlings altogether.

On March 15, 2019, the first phase of the MD2 pineapple project had started with the plantation of 200 MD2 pineapple seedlings that were supplied by the State of Perak MPIB to UiTM Perak Branch, Seri Iskandar Campus. The seedlings were planted by the students from various faculties who had registered as the members of MASMED UiTM Perak Branch, particularly MyAgrosis Club (Agro Ladang).

According to the Department of Agriculture (2013), pineapple is still one of the major fruit crops in Malaysia apart from papaya, banana, mango, pomelo, watermelon and jackfruit. Moreover, under the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP), MD2 has been identified as a key crop which could be exported globally, as well as to ensure the national food security. Since the demand of MD2 pineapples is high locally and internationally, UiTM Perak Branch has decided to venture into planting this variety of pineapples.

MD2 pineapples mainly have 3 grades which are A, B and C. The grades are determined by the weight of the fruit itself which could be between 1.5kg and 2.5kg. Grade A MD2 pineapples are usually reserved for the international markets. Malaysia Pineapple Industry Board (MPIB) believes that for Malaysia to have larger share in the world's production of pineapples, it needs to produce about 700000 MT in the year of 2020. This means that more industrial planters need to be created by then.

The Rector of UiTM Perak Branch, Professor Sr. Dr. Md Yusof Hamid and the executive management are very supportive towards the project and surely, they hope that by exposing the agriculture knowledge especially in planting MD2, the university would be able to create more agropreneurs among its graduates. It is hoped that these graduates would be able to bring more added value to the development of agriculture practices in the country.



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