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# Reunion at IPICEX 2014

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At the 4th International Plantation Industry Conference and Exhibition held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014, I met some of my former students of the Professional Qualification Examination in Plantation Industry Management who were the pioneer students from Sarawak. They are testimonies of the success of the International Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM), a professional body founded in May 2006 as an offshoot of Universiti Teknologi MARA. As an associate member, I am proud to have been involved at the very beginning, developing the module on Integrated Agriculture System under the mentorship of the late Professor Dr. Wan Mohammad Wan Abdul Kadir.

I also met some of the alumni of the Diploma of Plantation and Industrial Management who are now playing very prominent roles as planters in the plantation industry, lecturers and assistant farm managers.

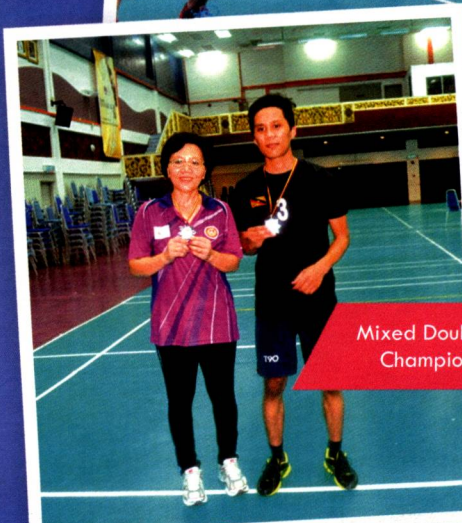
## SPORTY AGROVARSITY

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My philosophy of sports is that beyond social and health benefits, there is also a huge potential for personal development because participating in sport competitions requires not only self restraint or self-sacrificing spirit, but responsibility and decision-making on how to perform to the best of our ability to defeat the opponents. It also involves time management. My late father, who retired as the Divisional Educational Officer always included in his speech in school athletics meets the saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and emphasised that sports must always be an integral part of a student's life. As an advocate of sports, he could not stop me from being very involved in sports in my school days on the condition that I produced a good report card.

The sporting spirit is very strong in me so when the Agrovarsity Club of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology organized two sporting events, I did not hesitate to participate. On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014, at the Agrovarsity Closed Badminton Championship held at Dewan Jubli, partnering with Nur'Izzati binti Mohd. Kamal (Part Six student), we emerged as the Ladies Double Champion. In the mixed double, partnering with Mohd Firdaus Awang Keh (Part Five Student), we were the runner-up champions. On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014, four teams were organised among the degree students in the AgroOlympics 2014. I competed in the 400 metre sprint which was my specialized event more than thirty years ago. I clocked 95 seconds on a slippery uneven track in Kota Samarahan Stadium, more than 25 seconds slower than my best time. The specialist assessed my performance and I managed to get a silver medal competing with my young students.

Ladies Double Champion



Mixed Doubles  
Champion





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