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### Organization Background

The MCB stands for Malaysian Cocoa Board, that is a federal statutory research and development agency. The Malaysian Cocoa Board is previously called Ministry of Primary Industries Malaysia and now it is under the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities. Besides, it was established under the Act of Parliament 343 (incorporated) on 8 September 1988 and has been in operation on 18 July 1989. The main objective of MCB is to develop the cocoa industry in Malaysia to be well integrated and competitive in the global market. Also given to increasing productivity and efficiency in cocoa bean production and increasing all downstream activities.

The main functions of MCB :

- ✓ To conduct and promote research on production, processing, storage and consumption;
- ✓ To conduct and coordinate activities and policies on research;
- ✓ To improve quality;
- ✓ To regulate marketing activities;
- ✓ To collect and disseminate information;
- ✓ To supervise and coordinate cocoa related activities that cover processing, storage, regulatory and marketing.

## Conclusion

Industrial training is the place where we will increase our understanding during lecture by doing some practical in field. The practical are refer on what we had studied in class. This training also preparing us for jobs in the future. Before this industrial training, we only have an imagination on how the work is done. But once we came and do our practical at Cocoa Research and Development Centre at Kota Samarahan , the staffs teach and guide us to do many things such as how to do tasking on different sections , harvesting ripen cocoa pods , fermentation , and also pest and disease management.

Other than that, we also can see the pest and disease of cocoa tree with our own eyes. In class, we just study theory about cocoa tree and see a beautiful picture on paper. But during our training, we are not only see the disease of the cocoa tree but also learn how to control or manage the disease especially the Vascular Streak Dieback (VSD) and Black pod (BP). We had done a practical about good agricultural practices for control this disease such as pruning activities and removal of black pods in the estate.

Industrial training gives us a lot of advantages by improving our soft skills in working compound. Besides, through this training, we can improve our communication skills with one another and learn how to corporate in team which indirectly improve our self-confidence. In addition, we also can cooperate with other officers and study many task that they gave for us. We also have the opportunity to learn new things, gain knowledge, experience and management skills in cocoa plantation. Theoretically, there a thing we have learned during lecture but through this training we can improve more our understanding about the existing knowledge.

In conclusion , industrial training is an effective way to test and also improve the existing knowledge of the students itself. Also, I have learned many new things that I never experience on it. Even though sometimes we have to stay under the sun but it give a beautiful and enjoyable moments. This kind of training should be continued because it gives positive or better impact to students in terms of their skills and experiences. As we all know, skill and experience are important thing to find a job in future.