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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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## **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.

**THE EFFECT OF MULCHING *Mucuna breactata* ON THE GROWTH  
AND YIELD PERFORMANCE OF AEROBIC PADDY**

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**ABSTRACT**

This research was conducted to investigate the effect of mulching *Mucuna breactata* on the growth and yield performance of aerobic paddy at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Jasin Campus Melaka. There are several factors that can influence the growth and yield of the paddy plant such as water, nutrient and etc. The objectives of this studied was to determine the effect of using mulching *Mucuna breactata* on aerobic paddy growth performance and also to identify the effect of *Mucuna breactata* on yield performance of aerobic paddy. This experiment was carried out in Completely Randomized Design (CRD). There are two treatments and also five replications that had been used in this experiment. The treatment consisted of *Mucuna breactata* and also no mulching (control) and each of the treatment consist of five replications. Each aerobic paddy plant was planted in a pot and each pot were applied with 20 g of mulching act as treatments. Aerobic paddy variety (Aeron 1) was choosing in this experiment because of the rapid plant growth and this experiment was conducted for 90 days. The result showed that the paddy plant that applied with mulching had better growth performance for all parameter included plant height, number of tiller and plant biomass.it also be shown that the treatment mulching is more effective than the treatment non- mulching (control). Lastly, the application of mulching on paddy plant can give many advantages because it showed that it had significantly affect the plant growth compared to non-mulching application. The yield of the aerobic paddy plant that applied mulching was low than the non-mulching (control) treatment. It was due to several factors that influence the yield of the paddy plant during experiment.

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