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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.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ZERO BURNING TECHNIQUE AMONG
SMALLHOLDER IN KUALA MEDANG, PAHANG**

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ABSTRACT

The production of oil palm takes more than a quarter of global consumption as oil crop and provides. However, there are concerns about how the development of oil palm industries will affect the environment particularly the deforestation and replanting in Malaysia. The problem arises as producers choose to do open burning method in deforestation and replanting oil palm. In order to cope with the problem, the burn method has been replaced with the no burn method, which is both environmentally friendly and economically superior to the burn method. The zero burning technique has been include as one of the condition of Malaysia Sustainable Palm Oil Certificate. This study aim to examine the level of knowledge, interest and effort of the smallholder on implementing zero burning technique. Furthermore, this study is done in encouraging smallholder on how zero burning technique can give benefits to the environment and oil palm plantation. Survey was conducted by using the simple random sampling method and distributed among 118 smallholders at Kuala Medang, Pahang. The data was analysed by using the software Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS). Then, the data summarized and gather based on the parameters of the method of measuring data. The data was being analyse in term of factor analysis, descriptive analysis, correlation testing and multiple regression analysis. From this study, it is found that all factors knowledge, interest and effort have positive correlation with implementation of zero burning technique. All of these factors are very important in influencing implementation of zero burning at oil palm plantation.

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