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DEAN PREFACE



Assalamualaikum Warahmatulllahi 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.

DEAN, Assoc Prof Dr Asmah Awal

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INTRODUCTION

The PiMES committee and UiTM (Melaka), lasin 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 agribussiness, 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.

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IMPACTS OF WORKERS' WELFARE AFTER MSPO IMPLEMENTATION

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ABSTRACT

Sustainable palm oil is an approach to oil palm agriculture that aims to produce palm oil without causing deforestation or harming people. The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) standard has been made mandatory by the end 2019. In the context of palm oil sustainability, the similar type of scheme been implemented are Roundtable Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and Indonesia Sustainable Palm Oil (ISPO). Most of the research on MSPO implementation are focus more on awareness and factors but a very lack of study was conducted to identify the impact of MSPO. This study is to identify the impacts of worker's welfare after MSPO implementation. This study covers knowledge, perceived benefits and government support as independent variables. A total 52 respondents were randomly selected among the employees in oil palm sector age 20 years and above from all levels of position at Syarikat Perladangan Peserta Kundang Ulu, Tangkak, Johor, All the variables are positive relationship. In addition, knowledge (0.730) shows a very strong relationship towards the dependent variable. The results show that the R² is 0.610 which indicate that 61% of the independent variables have been identified in this study. However, result of regression shows that there is no significant relationship between government support and the impacts of MSPO. Hence, it can be concluded that the most dominant impact of workers' welfare after MSPO implementation is knowledge. From these three impacts, perceived benefits and knowledge gave influence towards worker's welfare after MSPO implementation.

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