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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 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 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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## ECONOMIC ANALYSIS ON HERBICIDES MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AFFECTING OIL PALM PRODUCTION

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### ABSTRACT

Oil palm plantation is the biggest plantation in Malaysia and give huge impact to the economic and income to our country. In plantation, the major problem affecting to the oil palm production is the number of weed growth and this can cause competitions based on nutrients, sunlight and water between main crop and weed. There are several techniques to remove the weed but the easiest way to remove the weed is using chemical herbicide. The herbicides are widely used in the plantation because it can gives cost effective to the company and high succession of killing the weeds. This study focusing on the economic analysis of herbicides management systems affecting oil palm production. The objective of this study to investigate the economic analysis of different herbicide management systems affecting the productivity of oil palm. The study was done at Tradewinds Plantation and Jaya Baru Plantation which both plantations were using different ways in herbicides management systems for their plantation. The data for this study was collected by using interview (face to face session) and secondary data collection method starting from year 2015 until half year of 2018. Economic analysis was study in relation between factors in herbicides management systems stated in this study. The result in this study was analyzed by using descriptive data, benefit cost ratio and t-test by using SPSS (statistical). From this study, it was shown that the Tradewinds Plantation has higher benefit cost ratio which indicated that it have more revenue than Jaya Baru Plantations and based on the t-test analysis sample indicated that both plantations production have significant different in value. Thus, it was recommended by all farmer and plantations to use the systems applied by Tradewinds Plantation because it can gives higher income to the plantation. Lastly, a good herbicides management systems is important in the management of a plantation because it can helps the plantation to achieve higher productivity.