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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.

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FACTORS INFLUENCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MSPO AMONG ORGANIZED SMALLHOLDERS AT FELDA LEPAR UTARA 03, JERANTUT, PAHANG

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ABSTRACT

Oil palm industry plays a major role in contributing towards national economy. Lately, the implementation of MSPO was mandatory towards all of the plantations in our country. The implementation of MSPO helps to maintain the sustainability of oil palm while preserving the wildlife habitat. The objective of this study is to determine the factors influencing the implementation of MSPO, to determine the relationship between the factors and the implementation of MSPO and to identify the most dominant factor that influences the implementation of MSPO towards organized smallholders. The method for this study was survey by using questionnaire. The study was conducted at Felda Lepar Utara 03 and the total numbers of respondents were 92. The data was analysed by using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Based on the data analysis, it can be determined all of the factors are positive and the samples were adequate. This can be explained from the value of Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin from factor analysis (0.566). It indicates that the samples were enough to conduct the survey. Next, the determination of relationship between the factors and the implementation of MSPO was analysed through Pearson's Correlation analysis. From this analysis, it can be observed that the training and guidance factor has the significant relationship towards the implementation of MSPO compared to perceived benefit, knowledge, and financial factor. The most dominant factor that influences the implementation of MSPO was identified through multiple regression analysis and it can be observed that the training and guidance factor was the most dominant factor (beta value=0.298) compared to perceived benefit, knowledge, and financial factor. As a conclusion, government should plays a major role in providing training and guidance towards the smallholders in order to increase the implementation of MSPO and thus increasing their awareness towards the sustainability of oil palm.

Keywords: Implementation of MSPO, organized smallholders, perceived benefit, knowledge, financial, training and guidance.