

Introduction

Plantation industry has contributed significantly to the export earning of this country for the past decades. This momentum is expected to continue for a long time to come. In order to remain competitive, there is a need for this industry to take stock from time to time, to update with the new technologies and to assess the challenges likely to be faced by the industry. The East Malaysia Planters' Association (EMPA) which was formed in 1889 (formerly known as North Borneo Planters' Association) has always regarded these as its key responsibilities to its members and the industry. The Association has played a pivoted role in the discovery of pollinating weevil, *Elaeidobius kamerunicus* in the 1980s. It is the hope of the Association that EMPA will remain relevant and continue to play a leading role in tackling the challenges faced by the plantation industry in the long run.

EMPA Conference 2008 will present a comprehensive review of the current progress and developments in the plantation industry, technological advances made and assess the challenges ahead to remain competitive.

Objectives

The objectives of the Conference are:

- To discuss the latest developments on policy, production and processing of plantation crops
- To provide a platform to discuss issues related to plantation industry
- To establish personal and business contacts
- To exhibit products, services and technologies

Who Should Attend?

The conference is organized for plantation managers, planters, mill managers, engineers, stakeholders, agronomists, economists, policy makers, and any parties from relevant government or non-government agencies.

Registration Fees

Members : RM350.00
Non-Members : RM450.00



**PERSATUAN PENANAM-PENANAM MALAYSIA TIMUR
(THE EAST MALAYSIA PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION)**

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DAY 1 (13th MARCH 2008)

OPENING CEREMONY

- 7:30 am Registration
- 8:30 am Arrival of Guests
- 9:00 am Arrival of Guest of Honour
YAB Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman, Chief Minister, Sabah
- 9:10 am Welcoming Address by EMPA Chairman, Encik Salim Mohammad
- 9:30 am Opening Speech and Launching of the "EMPA Conference 2008"
by Guest of Honour
- 10:00 am Coffee Break

SESSION 1 : DEVELOPMENT OF PLANTATION INDUSTRIES

Chaired by: **Datuk Tham Nyip Shen**
Science Advisor, Chief Minister Department

- 10:30 am Paper 1:
Development of Rubber Industry in Sabah
By **Encik Blasius Bailis**
Deputy General Manager, Lembaga Industry Getah Sabah (LIGS)
- 10:50 am Paper 2:
Progress and Development in Cocoa Industry
By **Dato' Dr. Azhar Ismail**
Director-General, Malaysia Cocoa Board
- 11:10 am Paper 3:
Economic Potential of Commercial Tree Plantation in Sabah
By **Encik Osman Walat**
Chief Executive Officer, Sabah Softwood Bhd
- 11:30 am Paper 4:
Progress and Development in Palm Oil Industry in East Malaysia
By **Encik Jamil Nordin**
Director, Economic & Industry Development, MPOB
- 11:50 am Paper 5:
Sabah Oil Palm Breeding Programme (SBP)
Pioneering Seed Production in East Malaysia
By **Ms Betty Kwan**
Assistant Director (Research), Ulu Dusun Agricultural Research Station, Sabah
- 12:10 pm Q & A Session
Presentation of Souvenirs
- 12:30 pm Lunch Break

SESSION 2 : PLANTATION MANAGEMENT

Chaired by: **Mr. Anthony S. L. Tsen**
Chairman, ISP, Tawau

- 1:30 pm Paper 6:
Plantation Management with Special Reference to Small and Medium Size Holdings
By **Mr. Anthony John Wong**
Director, Aqthal Agri-Services Sdn Bhd
- 1:50 pm Paper 7:
An Overview of Human Capital Development in the Plantation Sector in Malaysia : The Unsung Heroes
By **Tuan Haji Daud Haji Amatzin**
Chief Executive, Akademi Felde, Felde Holdings Bhd

- 2:10 pm Paper 8:
Latest Development on OSH in Plantation Industry
By **Encik Mohd Anuar Bin Embi**
Director, Department of Occupational Safety & Health, Sabah

- 2:30 pm Q & A Session
Presentation of Souvenirs

- 2:45 pm Afternoon Tea

SESSION 3 : CROP MANAGEMENT

Chaired by: **Encik M.C. Ismail Salam**
Director, Department of Agriculture, Sabah

- 3:10 pm Paper 9:
Sustainability of Palm Plantation Using Biofertilizer From Bioprocessed Palm Oil Mill Wastes
By **Mr. Julien Choi Hun Young**
Managing Director, Ultimate BioTech Sdn Bhd

- 3:30 pm Paper 10:
Agricultural Practices for Sustainable Oil Palm Cultivation
By **Mr. Hoong Hak Wan**
Head of Research & Technical Advisory Services
Borneo Samudera Sdn Bhd

- 3:50 pm Paper 11:
Outbreak of Insect Pest and its Management of Plantation Crops in Sabah, Malaysia
By **Dr. Lim Guan Tick, PhD (Entomology)**
Syarikat Sri Mengkabong Sdn Bhd

- 4:10 pm Paper 12:
Efficient & Effective Use of Fertilizer in Oil Palm Cultivation
By **Tuan Haji Ahmad Tarmizi Mohammed**,
Senior Principal Research Officer, Biology Division, MPOB

- 4:30 pm Q & A Session
Presentation of Souvenirs

End of Day 1

DAY 2 (14th MARCH 2008)

SESSION 4 : TECHNOLOGIES

Chaired by: **Mr. Raymond Tan**
EMPA Management Committee Member

- 8:15 am Paper 13:
The Use of 3Ss (RS/GIS/GPS) in Plantation Management
By **Puan Mariammi Halid**
Director, Pusat Remote Sensing Negara (MACRES)

- 8:35 am Paper 14:
Planting of Oil Palm Clones - The Key Towards Achieving 8T/Ha of Oil
By **Mr. Simon Siburat**
Controller, EMU (Eco-Management Unit), PPB Oil Palms Bhd

- 8:55 am Paper 15:
Ganoderma Research in University Malaysia Sabah : Preliminary Findings
By **Dr. Marcus Atong**
Associate Professor, School of Sustainable Agriculture,
University Malaysia Sabah

- 9:15 am Q & A
Presentation of Souvenirs

- 9:30 am Coffee Break

SESSION 5 : MILLING/MECHANISATION

Chaired by: **Mr. Ho Sui Ting**
EMPA Management Committee Member

- 9:50 am Paper 16:
Mechanization in Oil Palm Plantations
By **Tuan Haji Amirsah Tiksun**
Mechanization Manager, Borneo Samudera Sdn Bhd

- 10:10 am Paper 17:
Advances in Palm Oil Processing Technologies
By **Dr. Cheah Kien Yoo**
Engineering & Processing Division, MPOB

- 10:30 am Q & A Session
Presentation of Souvenirs

SESSION 6 : ENVIRONMENT

Chaired By: **Mr. Anthony John Wong**
Director, Aqthal Agri Services Sdn Bhd

- 10:50 am Paper 18:
Rationale Behind the Environmental Impacts Assessment
By **Mr. Vitalis Moduying**
Environmental Officer, Environment Protection Department, Sabah

- 11:10 am Paper 19:
Latest Development on Environmental Rules and Regulations
By **Tuan Haji Abdul Razak Bin Haji Abdul Manap**
Director, Department of Environment Sabah

- 11:30 am Paper 20:
The Impact of Government Policy in Taxation and Environmental Regulation for Oil Palm industries in Sabah and Sarawak
By **Datuk Yap Pak Leong**

- 11:50 am Q & A
Presentation of Souvenirs

SESSION 7 : SUSTAINABILITY

Chaired By: **Mr. Wong Len Kee**
Director, Kretam Holdings Bhd

- 12:10 pm Paper 21:
Utilisation of Soil Survey Information in Plantation Management
By **Dr. S. Paramanathan**
Param Agricultural Soil Surveys (M) Sdn Bhd

- 12:30 pm Paper 22:
Feasibilities of Agricultural Development of Peat in Sarawak
By **Dr. Lulie Melling**
Department of Agriculture, Sarawak

- 12:50 pm Q & A Session
Presentation of Souvenirs

- 1:10 pm Closing / Lunch

End of Conference