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FOR MEMBERS ONLY

## Chief Executive's Notes

The 3rd quarter of 2022 has shown lots of improvements in the economy with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. Many businesses have regained momentum to continue operations and services as seen in the pre-Covid era.

Beginning 7 September 2022, wearing masks in most indoor areas in Malaysia is no longer compulsory. This shows that the government is ready and moving in full force to build the nation and economy after the catastrophic Covid-19 global pandemic. ISP is also active as more physical activities are carried out.

ISP successfully carried out the National Seminar (NATSEM 2022) and LISP/AISP Examinations in March. ISPM's physical training programmes and short courses have steadily increased as more members and non-members are confident to attend physical gatherings due to the transition of the Covid-19 from a pandemic to an endemic situation. For the final quarter of the year 2022, ISPM has lined up many training programmes and courses that will be updated on the ISP website. Stay tuned!

To date, 46% of members have renewed their membership subscription. We hope members will pay their dues soon. I fully encourage ISP Branches to organise more activities such as branch meetings, seminars and courses. This will bring members together and will open up

opportunities for members to build and enhance networking.

The biggest lesson ISP has learned from the Covid-19 pandemic, is to digitalise the publications. Digitalising *The Planter* magazine makes it easier to read on all types of devices and easier to distribute to members.

Since the January 2021 issue of *The Planter*, ISP had prepared both the digital and the printed version for our members. The digital version of *The Planter* magazine was then emailed to members. Now a platform called *The Planter* website has been established to publish our past, present and future articles online. In line with ISP motto "*Sentiasa Maju*", ISP will always look for ways to progress ahead and give our members the best services.

The year 2022 is coming to its end, and ISP has made many plans until the end of the year. We look forward to members' feedback on our activities and publications. This will help us to improve our services and continue to serve members in the best way.

The IPC 2023 in June 2023 is approaching fast. ISP is busy preparing the biggest International Planters Conference (IPC 2023) for planters around the world. Registration is open with early birds' rates. Stay tuned for more updates on ISP website and social media platforms.

Rajindran Irusan

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## *E-Planter* : A Digital Transformation

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- **Digitalising *The Planter***

The work to digitalise *The Planter* magazine had begun a long time ago. It began with archiving the digital copy of each magazine since the first issue.

When Covid-19 happened, ISP was faced with printing and distribution problems of the magazines. Thus to resolve these, The ISP Board of Directors had decided to distribute to members the digital version of the magazine.

In August 2021, *The Planter* (May 2021 issue) was emailed to members. This continued for all the next issues until the printing and postage services returned to normal. To date the hard copies of the magazine are still being printed but some members have opted to receive the *e-Planter* only permanently.

- **The *e-Planter***

The digital version of the magazine (also known as *e-Planter*) has now further developed into having its own platform and website. Due to

high interest and frequent request for previously published articles, ISP has decided to upload past and future articles onto the website for reference.

The website will be accessible to members who have opted for the *e-Planter*. Members who are interested to start reading *The Planter* online may contact the Membership department to receive your login credentials. We highly encourage members to opt for the *e-Planter* and enjoy seamless access to all the issues online.

- **DOI for articles in *The Planter***

Now that we have articles in *The Planter* online, we want these articles to reach the global audience. Therefore ISP had successfully registered with CrossRef to ensure articles in *The Planter* are published with DOI (Digital Object Identifier).

DOI is an identification code for a journal article or other published works. DOIs are used as electronic links to an article's location and helps identify an article's subject matter.

For example, the DOI <https://doi.org/10.56333/tp.2022.001> will take you to the article titled "Recent Methods and Technologies for An Early Detection of Red Palm Weevil Infestation: A Review" by Muhammad Nurfaiz Abd Kharim & Kumara Thevan Krishnan, published in the January 2022 issue of *The Planter*.

Academic and professional research travels further if it's linked to the millions of other published papers. This will ensure that articles in *The Planter* are searchable and citable by global researchers and readers.

ISP will continue to maintain the values of articles published in *The Planter*. We hope this good news will encourage members to submit articles to *The Planter*.





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### Invitation as "STEM TALK" speaker at USM Penang

30 June 2022

Datuk Hj Daud Hj Amatzin (ISP, Chairman) was invited to University Sains Malaysia (USM) Penang to share his experiences in the Agrobiology sector. The "STEM talk" programme was organised to expose students on the career path in the agriculture sector.



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### Planters' Act Meeting with YBhg Datuk Ravi Muthayah (Secretary General, MPIC)

12 July 2022

Datuk Hj Daud Hj Amatzin (ISP, Chairman), Tn Haji Fadzil Hitam (ISPM, Chairman), Mr Mohd Sabre (Technical Education Scheme, Chairman), Mr M. R. Chandran (ISP, Finance/Audit Committee, Chairman), Dr Ramesh Veloo (ISP Selangor/ Wil. Persekutuan, Branch Chairman), Mr Ramzuz (MPOA) and Mr Rajindran (ISP, Chief Executive), attended the Planters' Act meeting with Datuk Ravi at MPIC Office in Putrajaya.



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### Courtesy visit by The National Library

22 July 2022

ISP received a courtesy visit from the National Library headed by Puan Maiyumi Ahmat (*Pen. Pengarah, Kanan*), *Bhgn. Khidmat Nasihat & Perundingan*). The representatives from National Library visited the resource centre in ISPHQ and shared their knowledge on library management, conservation and restoration methods for the materials kept in the ISP resource centre.



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### ISP's visit to Kulim Group

2 August 2022

ISP represented by Mr Rajindran (ISP, Chief Executive), Mr Sabre Salim (ISP, Board Member), Mr Mazalan Kamis (ISP Central Johore, Branch Chairman) and Mr Mohd Roslan Mohd Din (ISP South Johore, Singapore, Rhio, Branch Chairman) visited Kulim Group in Johor to discuss future collaborations and conference.



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### Durian Seminar by Selangor/Wilayah Persekutuan ISP Branch

10 August 2022

The Selangor/Wilayah Persekutuan Branch headed by Dr Ramesh Veloo organised a Durian Seminar at Laman VVIP, Selangor Fruit Valley. The seminar was attended by about 180 participants and was successfully held with an additional on-site tour. There were 8 speakers who shared a wide range of topics including land evaluation, nursery management and mechanisation. Tn Hj Fadzil Hitam (ISPM, Chairman) officiated the seminar.





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### Courtesy visit by Member of the Parliament of the Democratic Republic of Congo

17 August 2022

The Member of Parliament of DRC, Hon. Damase Muba Kitwa made a visit to ISP. ISP represented by Mr M. R. Chandran (ISP, Finance/Audit Committee, Chairman) presented the ISP Coffee Table Book as a token of appreciation to Hon. Damase.



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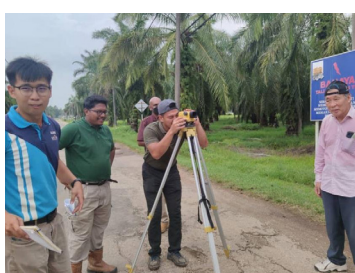
### Courtesy Visit by USM

19 August 2022

ISP received a courtesy visit from Professor Zaidi, Dr Shaizatulaqma and Dr Ain (representatives from School of Mechanical Engineering, School of Management and Division of Industry and Community Network, USM). The visit allowed for USM and ISP to discuss on collaborations especially on MQA for LISP/AISP. We thanked USM's representatives for the fruitful discussion.



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### Land Surveying Tutorial (Theory & Practical)

20 - 21 August 2022

ISP had organised a land surveying tutorial involving both theory and practical sessions. Both the theory (at ISPHQ) and practical session was conducted by Sr. Low Siong Khim. The practical session was held at Ladang Bukit Talang, Sime Darby Plantation. We would like to thank the speaker, Sr. Low Siong Khim and all the participants for the successful programme. The objective of this tutorial is to assist the students for the upcoming LISP/AISP exams in October 2022.



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### Weed Management, Water & Soil Conservation Practices In Oil Palm Plantation

22 - 23 August 2022

ISP had organised a short course on Weed Management and Water and Soil Conservation Practices in Oil Palm Plantation. The short course was conducted by Mr. S. Gopalakrishnan. ISP would like to thank Mr Gopalakrishnan for successfully conducting the course and we hope the participants had learned new skills and knowledge.



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### Visit to National Land Finance Co-Operative Society (NLFCs)

23 August 2022

Mr Rajindran (ISP, Chief Executive) and Mr M. R. Chandran (ISP, Finance/Audit Committee, Chairman) had a meeting with YBhg. Datuk B. Sahadevan, Managing Director of Koperasi NLFCs Bhd. It was a short but fruitful meeting for future collaborations between ISP and NLFCs.





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### Meeting with President of National Smallholders Association (NASH)

25 August 2022

Mr Rajindran (ISP, Chief Executive) met with the President of NASH, Dato' Hj. Aliasak b Hj. Ambia and presented him with the ISP Coffee Table book. The successful meeting discussed on membership, conference and collaborations between ISP and NASH.

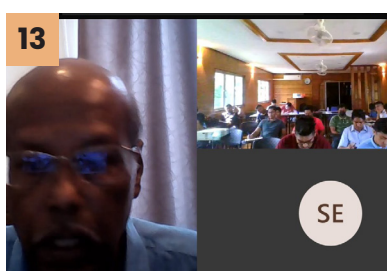


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### Visit to MPOCC

26 August 2022

ISP represented by Tn Haji Mohamad Fadzil (ISP, Vice Chairman), YBhg Dato' Dr Mohamad Hashim Ahmad Tajudin (ISP Education Fund Committee, Chairman), Mr Mohd Sabre (Technical Education Scheme, Chairman), Mr M. R. Chandran (Finance/Audit Committee, Chairman), Mr Wee Kow Ngoh (Library Committee, Chairman) and Mr Rajindran Irusan visited Datuk Hj Daud Hj Amatzin (ISP, Chairman) to congratulate him on his appointment as the new CEO of MPOCC. Congratulations Datuk!



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### Inhouse Training for Boustead Plantations Berhad

2-3 September 2022

The Inhouse training for Boustead Plantations Berhad was focused on "Problem Solving and Decision Making". The training was given by Mr P Rajoo. The training was held through the online platform. ISP will continue to work with plantation companies in training their employees in soft skills too.



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### Kawalan Produktiviti Fizikal Operasi Ladang

12 September 2022

On the 12th of September, a short course on "Kawalan Produktiviti Fizikal Operasi Ladang" was conducted by Mr Mohd Sabre Salim. More than 20 participants attended and benefited from the short course.



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### Visit by the representatives of Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) Oil Palm Development Financing Unit in Malaysia

14 September 2022

On the 14th of August, The CBN representatives made a visit to ISP. They were received by ISP representatives, Mr M. R. Chandran (ISP, Finance/Audit Committee, Chairman) and Mr Rajindran Irusan (ISP, Chief Executive). One of the key highlights is to form a Chapter in Nigeria.



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### Perfecting Managerial Talent For Plantation Executives

14 - 15 September 2022

A two day short course on "Perfecting Managerial Talent for Plantation Executives" was organised at ISPHQ. The course was conducted by Mr Mohd Sabre Salim and was attended by more than 20 Executives in the Plantation Industry. During the course, the participants were trained to develop the right mindset and views on economy, technology and environmental changes.



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### Kemahiran Pengurusan Operasi Dan Perbelanjaan Ladang

19 - 20 September 2022

A two day short course on "Kemahiran Pengurusan Operasi dan Perbelanjaan Ladang" was organised at ISPHQ. The course was conducted by Mr Mohd Sabre Salim. As expected, the course received positive responses from the participants.

## NEWS



ISP would like to congratulate **Datuk Hj Daud Hj Amatzin** (ISP, Chairman) on his appointment as the new CEO of MPOCC. Datuk Daud's vast knowledge and experiences in the plantation sector will be of great benefit to MPOCC. We wish you best of luck in your new assignment. *Congratulations Datuk!*

ISP would like to congratulate **Tuan Haji Fadzil Hitam** (ISP, Vice Chairman & ISPM, Chairman) on his appointment as Plantation Advisor to Group CEO, FGV Holdings Berhad. *Congratulations Tuan Haji Fadzil!*



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