

POPSIG University Roadshow 2019 - 2020 : Love MY Palm Oil Campaign



There is so much controversial issues and discussion around palm oil outside Malaysia that we forget to look within and appreciate what we have that we are truly blessed with. Our Minister of Primary Industries YB Teresa Kok is doing exactly that with the soft launch of the Love MY Palm Oil Campaign on 8th January 2019. Many Malaysians already use palm oil for cooking because it is the cheapest cooking oil in the market. What they do not realize is how good and healthy it is as well as the value for money they are getting. Then there is a another group who have a choice and they make a wrong one believing that what is imported is better, believing that what is more expensive is better and believing the foreign media streamed on their smart phones.

The crude oil glut of 2015 saw many people including chemical engineers in the oil & gas industry losing their jobs. While the oil & gas industry has recovered somewhat, it is not recruiting as many fresh engineering graduates. So chemical engineering undergraduates are no longer eyeing the oil & gas industry as the top employer. Should they consider the palm oil industry which is the 4th largest export revenue earner after the 2nd which is petroleum products?

Is the palm oil industry sustainable? Do we kill orang utans? Is it safe? What are the career prospects? What is the salary?

These questions will be answered at the POPSIG University Roadshow 2019 – 2020 where POPSIG members will visit the 24 universities in Malaysia offering chemical engineering degree courses. There will be a two hour highly interactive session with speakers from IChemE, the Malaysia Palm Oil Council (MPOC), the palm oil industry as well as academia.

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There will also be a field trip to one of the sectors of the industry viz plantation, oil mill, crusher, refinery or oleochemical plant.



1. Jomalina Refinery
2. Emery Oleochemicals
3. Ulu Kanchong Palm Oil Mill



If you are interested for the roadshow to come to your university as soon as possible ask your lecturer in charge of the chemical engineering student chapter to contact IChemE Regional Business Development Manager South East Asia, Mr. Mohan Balasingam at mbalasingam@icheme.org

If you are a chemical engineer working in the palm oil industry and want to volunteer to be a speaker at roadshow please contact the POPSIG Secretary Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wu Ta Yeong at wu.ta.yeong@monash.edu



We are pleased to announce that MPOC has agreed to support the POPSIG University Roadshow. The MPOC is a corporate body with a mission to promote the market expansion of Malaysian palm oil and its products by enhancing the image of palm oil and creating better acceptance through awareness of various technological and economic advantages (techno-economic advantages) and environmental sustainability

| No | Universities | ISC |
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| 1 | University Institute Technology MARA | No |
| 2 | UKM (University Kebangsaan Malaysia) | No |
| 3 | University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus | Yes |
| 4 | Monash University Malaysia | Yes |
| 5 | UM (University of Malaya) | No |
| 6 | Taylor's University | Yes |
| 7 | UCSI University | Yes |
| 8 | UPM (University Putra Malaysia) | No |
| 9 | Herriott-Watt University Malaysia | Yes |
| 10 | International Islamic University Malaysia | No |
| 11 | SEGI | Yes |
| 12 | Xiamen University Malaysia | Yes |
| 13 | UTAR (University Tunku Abdul Rahman) | Yes |

Perak

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| 14 | UTP (University Technology PETRONAS) | Yes |
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Pahang

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| 15 | UMP (University Malaysia Pahang) | Yes |
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South

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| 16 | University Technology Malaysia | No |
| 17 | UniKL MICET – Ayer Keroh | Yes |

North

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| 18 | USM (University Sains Malaysia) | No |
| 19 | UniMAP (University Malaysia Perlis) | No |

East Malaysia

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| 20 | Curtin University Sarawak | Yes |
| 21 | UMS (University Malaysia Sabah) | Yes |
| 22 | UniMAS (University Malaysia Sarawak) | No |
| 23 | Swinburne University (Kuching) | Yes |

Terengganu

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| 24 | TATIUC - Terengganu Advanced Technical Institute | No |
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ISC = IChemE Student Chapter