



BRIEF STATEMENT

ELECTION TO CSAM GOVERNING COUNCIL (MALAYSIA)

Malaysia, as a member in the Governing Council CSAM for years, ANTAM, and also involved in regional projects such as the agricultural machinery database always supports all activities and initiatives organized by CSAM for sustainable agricultural mechanization.

The latest event that MARDI involved was "Promoting Food Security by Combating Soil Degradation in the Asia-Pacific" which was conducted virtually on March 30, 2022. In this event, MARDI has appointed our expert, Dr. Siti Noor Aliah Baharom, to present her paper titled "Precision agriculture for efficient use of agrochemicals and improved soil health".

Since Malaysia has been developing its agricultural machinery testing center, being a member in the ANTAM network has helped a lot. During the annual meetings, Malaysia had the opportunity to seek experience and knowledge from other member countries who have already established their testing centers. Malaysia's involvement in the agricultural machinery database has helped push the national agenda to provide a domestic agricultural machinery database.

Through its private sectors, Malaysia was also actively involved in CSAM ReCAMA events where various meetings, efforts and partnerships are held to promote sustainable agricultural mechanization. Other than that, Malaysia has also participated in various trainings offered by CSAM towards sustainable agriculture mechanization such as

- i) Training for trainers on using the ANTAM test codes
- ii) Sweet potato mechanization
- iii) Precision farming in Asia
- iv) Soil conservation
- v) Development of Agricultural Machinery Testing
- vi) Protected Agriculture
- vii) Sustainable Agriculture for Smallholder farmers
- viii) Human Resource Development in Agriculture Mechanization and Automation
- ix) Appropriate Scale Mechanization for Conservation Agriculture

At ASEAN level, MARDI is focal point for Technical Working Group on Agriculture Research and Development (ATWGARD). Under the framework of the ATWGARD, CSAM has partnered with MARDI to undertake a joint project titled 'Public & Private Workshop on Enabling Investment for Modern and Sustainable Mechanization Technologies and Practices for Smallholder Farming in ASEAN Countries'. The objective of this project is to develop and enhance conducive environment in strengthening participations and contributions of public and private sectors of ASEAN Member States in catalyzing, stimulating and enabling investment in modern and sustainable mechanization technologies and practices for smallholder farming towards more efficient input utilization in the agricultural sector, optimum agricultural output and stronger economies ties in ASEAN.

Partnership MARDI-CSAM will become more stronger in the future and both can benefit each other for more opportunities and collaboration to enhance agricultural mechanization. Hence, MARDI would like to request again to be part of the Governing Council for CSAM. Below are the outline of aims, visions, and commitments as the following:

AIM

- Encourage collaboration that underpins success through mutual respect, open communication, and shared responsibility.

VISIONS

- Demonstrate outstanding support, reliability, and commitment to CSAM.
- Supporting CSAM program in implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific.

COMMITMENTS

- Be a county host for upcoming Governing Council CSAM Meeting.
- To offer our experts for any consultation related to agricultural mechanization particularly valuable to the attainment of the SDGs in the Asia Pacific region.
- To co-organizing any seminar, conference, or training activities related to sustainable agriculture.
- To exchange information related to the areas of cooperation or any other areas of mutual interest.