

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE PURSUANT TO AN INVITATION AT EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5(3) OF ANNEX I TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING
THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL
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I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full cognisance of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, in particular Annex I thereof containing the Code of Conduct for Members, hereby declare, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Code of Conduct, and the decision taken by the Bureau on 15 April 2013, that I have, pursuant to an invitation and in the performance of my duties as a Member of the European Parliament, attended at the following event organised by a third party where my travel, accommodation or subsistence expenses were paid or reimbursed by a third party:

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Date:

23/4/15

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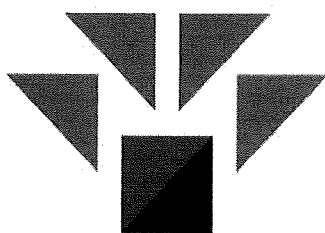
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THIRD PARTY	<p>INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED</p> <p>Name, function and address of the third party who reimbursed or paid the expenses of the Member²</p> <p>Travel:</p> <p>Accommodation:</p> <p>Subsistence expenses:</p> <p>Dates (and duration) of the Member's attendance at the event:</p> <p>Type of event (if the event programme is not available for attachment hereto, give explanation in comments' section below):</p> <p>Venue (country, city):</p>	<p>Ambassador of Malaysia co-hosted by the Malaysia Palm Oil Council (MPOC) MEP Delegation to visit Malaysia Kuala Lumpur</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>1 – 6 December 2013</p> <p>To highlight future areas of cooperation between European & Malaysian Political Leaders.</p> <p>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p>
TYPE OF EXPENSES COVERED		
DETAILS OF THE EVENT ATTENDED		
COMMENTS	See Attached	

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M P O C

PROGRAM for MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

ORGANIZED BY
THE MALAYSIAN PALM OIL COUNCIL & THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN BRUSSELS

DECEMBER 1st - 6th 2013
KUALA LUMPUR

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THE PROGRAM



OBJECTIVES

This program provides an opportunity for you to discover the attributes of palm oil and discuss the various issues linked to this commodity with the Malaysian stakeholders. You will learn about the major sectors of the Malaysian palm oil industry, Malaysia's efforts in the conservation of forest, biodiversity and wildlife and the role of palm oil towards meeting the pillars of sustainable development namely; *People, Planet, Profits and Development*.

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

At the end of the program, you should be able to:

- develop in-depth understanding about the attributes of palm oil, the sustainability and health issues linked to it and Malaysia's efforts in addressing them,
- learn about the major aspects of the Malaysian palm oil industry i.e. policies, laws & regulations, R&D, practices in plantation and palm oil mill, and certification
- establish contacts with the Malaysian stakeholders; and
- make personal assessment on Malaysia and its palm oil industry and, therefore, generate accurate views about the country and its palm oil industry.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The five-day program will include meetings with Minister of Plantation Industries & Commodities, Deputy Chief Minister of Sarawak, Members of the Malaysian Parliament from the Barisan Nasional Backbenchers Club, and officials of organizations related to the palm oil industry, forestry & wildlife. You will also have an opportunity to interact with captains of the Malaysian palm oil industry, local NGOs and various state government agencies of Sabah and Sarawak.

In addition, exciting visits to the Parliament building, palm oil research center, oil palm plantations, palm oil mill and conservation areas are also included.

PROGRAM ITINERARY

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am	Arrival of Members of the European Parliament at Kuala Lumpur International Airport
10:30am	Depart Kuala Lumpur International Airport for Sandakan, Sabah (Flight: MH 2710)
1:15pm	Arrival at Sandakan Airport
Check-in: Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan Harbor Square, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah Tel: +(60) 89 244 888 Fax: +(60) 89 218 666 www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/index	

7:00am – 8:00am	<p align="center">Breakfast hosted by H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya <i>Head of Malaysian Mission to the EU & Ambassador of Malaysia to The Kingdom of Belgium and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</i> Venue: Langkayan Room, Level 12, Four Points by Sheraton Attire: outdoor/casual</p>						
8:10am	<p align="center">Check-out <i>Attire: outdoor/casual</i></p>						
8:30am	<p align="center">Depart Four Points Sheraton for Sabah Forestry Department Headquarters</p>						
9:00am – 2:00pm	<p align="center">Dialogue on Forest & Wildlife Conservation in Sabah Venue: Auditorium, Sabah Forestry Department Headquarters <i>Locked Bag 68, 90009 Sandakan, Sabah</i> Tel: +(60) 89 242 500 Fax: +(60) 89 669 170 www.forest.sabah.gov.my</p> <p align="center"><u><i>Session Chair:</i></u> Y. Bhg. Datuk Sam Mannan <i>Director of Sabah Forestry Department</i></p> <p align="center"><u><i>Program:</i></u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td align="center">9:00am</td> <td>Welcoming Remarks by Datuk Sam Mannan followed by presentation on <i>Sustainable Forest Management & Conservation in Sabah</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">10:00am</td> <td>Discussion</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">11:30am – 2:00pm</td> <td>Depart for Rainforest Discovery Center for a guided tour followed by lunch at Keruing Cafe</td> </tr> </table>	9:00am	Welcoming Remarks by Datuk Sam Mannan followed by presentation on <i>Sustainable Forest Management & Conservation in Sabah</i>	10:00am	Discussion	11:30am – 2:00pm	Depart for Rainforest Discovery Center for a guided tour followed by lunch at Keruing Cafe
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Invited Participants (TBC):

- *Datuk Dr. Laurentius N. Ambu, Director of Sabah Wildlife Department*
- *Datuk Dr. Junaidi Payne, Executive Director of Borneo Rhino Alliance*
- *Datuk Dr. Glenn Reynolds, Director of South East Asia Rainforest Research Program (SEARRP)*
 - *Dr. Marc Acrenaz, Director of HUTAN*
 - *Dr. Rahimatshah Amat, Chief Technical Officer of WWF-Sabah*
- *Mr. Raymond Alfred, Head of Conservation & research Program of Borneo Conservation Trust (BCT)*

2:10pm – 5:00pm	Visit Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary <i>Venue: Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Center, Sepilok Road 90009 Sandakan, Sabah Tel: (+60) 89 531 180 Fax: (+60) 89 531 189</i>
5:15pm	Depart Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary for Sandakan Airport
6:40pm	Arrival at Sandakan Airport
7:45pm	Depart Sandakan Airport for Kota Kinabalu <i>(Flight: MH 3037)</i>
8:35pm	Arrival at Kota Kinabalu International Airport
Check-in: The Magellan Sutura Resort 1, Sutura Harbor Boulevard, 881000 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Tel: +(60) 88 318 888 Fax: +(60) 88 317 777 www.suteraharbour.com	
evening	Seafood Dinner <i>Venue: Ocean Seafood Village Restaurant, Kota Kinabalu</i>

Dec 3rd 2013 (Tuesday)

6:00am - 7:00am	Breakfast <i>Venue: Five Sails, Magellan Sutura Harbor Resort</i>
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OPTION 1 (if weather permits):

Attire: outdoor/casual

8:15am	Depart The Magellan Sutura Resort for Manukan Island by boat
9:00am – 10:00am	Leisure at Manukan Island
10:10am – 10:30am	Depart Manukan Island for The Magellan Sutura Resort
11:00am	Check out
11:30am	Depart The Magellan Sutura Resort for Kota Kinabalu International Airport

OPTION 2:

Attire: outdoor/casual

8:00am	Check-out
8:30am	Depart The Magellan Sutera Resort for Penampang
9:30am – 11:30am	Visit Monsopiad Cultural Village
11:35am	Depart Monsopiad Cultural Village for Kota Kinabalu International Airport
12:30pm	Arrival at Kota Kinabalu International Airport
1:30pm	Depart Kota Kinabalu International Airport for Kuching, Sarawak (Flight: MH 2807)
2:50pm	Arrival at Kuching International Airport

Check-in:

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Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg, 93000 Kuching
Tel: (+60) 82 258 000 Fax: (+60) 82 250 003
www.merdekapalace.com

6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Dialogue on Agriculture Development & Environment Conservation
in Sarawak**

*Venue: Dewan Perpaduan 1, 1st Flr, Merdeka Palace Hotel & Suites
Attire: Business*

Session Chair:

Y.B. Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Anak Numpang
*Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Modernization of Agriculture, Minister for Rural
Development and Chairman of SALCRA*

Invited Participants:

- Y.B. Tan Sri Dr. James Jemut Masing, Minister for Land Development
- Y.B. Datuk Gramong Juna, Assistant Minister for Land Development
 - Y.B. Datuk Mong Dagang, Assistant Minister for Agriculture
- Y.B. Datuk Francis Harden, Assistant Minister for Rural Development
 - Y.B. Datu Len Taliff Salleh, Assistant Minister for Environment
 - Y.Bhg. Datu Ose Murang, Deputy State Secretary
- Y.Bhg. Datu Dr. Ngenang Jangu, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Modernisation of Agriculture
- Y.Bhg. Datu Jaul Samion, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Land Development
- Y.Bhg. Datu Haji Chaiti Bolhasan, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Rural Development
- Y.Bhg. Datu Sudarsono Osman, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Resource Planning and Environment
- Dr. Penguang Manggil, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Local Government And Community Development
- Tuan Haji Ubaidillah Bin Haji Abdul Latip, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Public Utilities
 - Y.Bhg. Datu Haji Ismawi Bin Haji Ismuni, Director of State Planning Unit
 - Y.Bhg. Datu Sajeli Bin Kipli, Director of Department of Land And Survey

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encik Lai Kui Fong, Director of Department of Agriculture • Tuan Haji Sapuan bin Ahmad, Director of Forests Sarawak • Encik Peter Sawal, Controller of Natural Resources and Environment Board, Sarawak • Dr. Lulie Melling, Director of Tropical Peat Research Laboratory Unit • Mr. Torstein Dale Sjøtveit, Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Energy Berhad
8:30pm – 11:00pm	Dinner hosted by Y.B. Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Anak Numpang <i>Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Modernization of Agriculture, Minister for Rural Development and Chairman of SALCRA</i> <i>Venue: Balai Merdeka, 3rd Floor, Merdeka Palace Hotel & Suites</i> <i>Attire: Business</i>
Dec 4th 2013 (Wednesday)	
6:00am – 6:50am	Breakfast <i>Venue: TBC, Merdeka Palace Hotel & Suites</i>
7:00am	Check-out <i>Attire: outdoor/casual</i>
7:25am	Assemble at lobby
7:30am	Depart Merdeka Palace Hotel & Suites for Bau
9:30am	Visit SALCRA's Undan Oil Palm Estate <i>Venue: Undan Oil Palm Estate, Bau</i>
	Program: 9:40am Briefing & Field Visit 11:15am Depart Undan Oil Palm Estate for Bau Palm Oil Mill 12:00n Lunch 1:00pm Visit Bau palm oil mill
2:00pm	Depart Bau Palm Oil Mill for Kuching International Airport
3:00pm	Arrival at Kuching International Airport
4:05pm	Depart Kuching International Airport for Kuala Lumpur <i>(Flight: MH2517)</i>
5:45pm	Arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport
	Check-in: Shangri-La KL 11, Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur Tel: +(60) 3 2032 2388 Fax: +(60) 3 2070 1514 www.shangri-la.com/kualalumpur/shangrila/
evening	Private Dinner

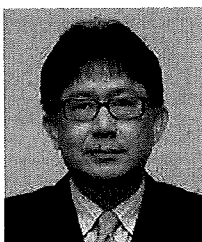
Dec 5th 2013 (Thursday)

6:45am	Depart Shangri-La KL for Besout <i>Attire: outdoor/casual</i>
9:15am – 2:00pm	Visit FELDA Plantation <i>Venue: FELDA Gunung Besout 6</i> <i>www.feldaglobal.com</i> <u>Program:</u> 9:15am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival at FELDA's Besout 6 Estate• FELDA Corporate Video Presentation• Briefing on <i>Land Development & Settlement</i> by Haji Abdul Ghani Mohd Ali, Deputy Director-General (Community Development) 10:30am Briefing on <i>FELDA Group's Sustainable Practices</i> by Mr. S. Palaniappan, CEO of FELDA Agricultural Services Sdn. Bhd. 11.30am Visit to Besout 6 Estate 11.45am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to Besout 2 Settlers' House– Chit Chat Session• Lunch at Besout 1 Hall 1.00pm Visit Methane Capture facility at Besout 1 Palm Oil Mill
2:00pm	Depart Besout for Kuala Lumpur
5:00pm	Arrival at Shangri-La KL
6:00pm – 9:30pm	Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion <i>Venue: Johore Room, Lower Lobby, Shangri-La KL</i> <i>Attire: Business</i> <u>Session Chair:</u> Dato' Lee Yeow Chor <i>Chairman of Malaysian Palm Oil Council</i> <u>Participants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y. Bhg. Datin Paduka Nurmala Abd. Rahim, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Plantation Industries & Commodities<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y. Bhg. Datuk Dr. Choo Yuen May, Director-General of the Malaysian Palm Oil Board• Y. Bhg. Dato' Haji Aliasak Haji Ambia, President of National Association of Smallholders• Y. Bhg. Datu Vasco Sabat Singkang, General Manager of The Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority• Y. Bhg. Dato' Carl Bek-Nielsen, Vice Chairman & Executive Director (Corporate Affairs) of United Plantations Berhad• En. Wan Mohd Zain Wan Ismail, Chairman, Palm Oil Refiners' Association <u>Program:</u> 6:00pm – 6:10pm Introduction by Dato' Lee Yeow Chor 6:15pm – 6:35pm Presentation by Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Yusof Basiron, CEO of Malaysian Palm Oil Council

	6:40pm - 7:40pm 7:45pm – 7:50pm	Roundtable Discussion Closing Remarks & Wrap-up
8:00pm – 9:30pm	Stakeholder Dinner hosted by The Hon. Y.B. Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas <i>Minister of Plantation Industries & Commodities</i> <i>Venue: Penang Room, Lower Lobby, Shangri-la KL</i>	
Dec 6th 2013 (Friday)		
6:30am – 7:30am	Breakfast <i>Venue: Shangri-la KL</i>	
7:35am	Check out <i>Attire: Business</i>	
7:45am	Depart Shangri-la for Bangi	
9:00am – 1:00pm	Visit The Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) <i>Venue: MPOB Headquarters</i> <i>No. 6, Persiaran Institusi, Bandar Baru Bangi, 43000 Kajang, Selangor</i> <i>Tel: +603 8925 4400 Fax: +603 8925 9446</i> <i>www.mpob.gov.my</i>	
1:05pm	Depart MPOB for Parliament building	
3:00pm – 6:00pm	Meeting with Barisan Nasional Backbenchers <i>Venue: Parliament Building</i> <i>Parliament of Malaysia, Parliament Building, 50680 Kuala Lumpur</i> <i>Tel: +(60) 3 2072 1955 , Fax : +(60) 3 2072 7436</i> <i>www.parlimen.gov.my</i>	
6:10pm	Depart Parliament of Malaysia for Lake Garden Club, KL	
6:30pm	Dinner hosted by Y.B. Tan Sri Shahrir Abdul Samad <i>Chairman of BN Backbenchers' Club</i> <i>Venue: Bunga Raya Restaurant</i> <i>Lake Garden, Jalan Cendramulia, Off Jalan Parlimen, 50680 Kuala Lumpur</i>	
8:15pm	* Depart Lake Garden Club for Kuala Lumpur International Airport	
9:30pm	Arrival at Kuala Lumpur International Airport	
evening	Depart Kuala Lumpur International Airport for respective destinations	

*Note: * only for those leaving Kuala Lumpur on Dec 6th 2013,*

LIST of PARTICIPANTS



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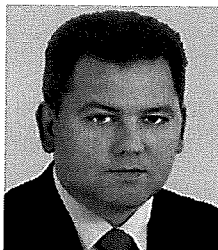
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USEFUL INFORMATION

MINISTRY OF PLANTATION INDUSTRIES & COMMODITIES

The Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) is responsible for the development of the plantation industries in Malaysia namely; oil palm, rubber, timber, cocoa, tobacco, kenaf, pepper and sago.

In performing its task, MPIC is supported by six statutory bodies and five councils. These include the Malaysian Palm Oil Board and the Malaysian Palm Oil Council. Apart from the established plantation commodities such as oil palm, timber, rubber and cocoa, MPIC is also exploring the development of new sources of growth including kenaf, sago and jatropha, which have economic potentials to the country's economy.

To further enhance the development of the plantation industries, MPIC has formulated the National Commodities Policy for 2011 – 2020. The policy is targeted to transform the commodity industry to be more dynamic and competitive through greater production of high value-added commodity-based products.

MALAYSIAN PALM OIL BOARD

The Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) is a premier government agency entrusted to serve the country's oil palm industry. Its vision is to strive for quality R & D outputs and to become Malaysia's first R & D institution to produce a *Nobel Laureate*.

MPOB's main role is to promote and develop national objectives, policies and priorities for the well-being of the Malaysian oil palm industry. It was incorporated by an Act of Parliament (Act 582) and established on May 1st 2000, taking over, through a merger, the functions of the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (PORIM) and the Palm Oil Registration & Licensing Authority (PORLA). Each of these organizations has been directly involved in the oil palm industry for more than 20 years and it is to render more effective services as well as to give greater national and international focus to the industry that MPOB was instituted.

The Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) plays an active role in developing new technologies which have contributed to the advancement of the Malaysian oil palm industry. In leading the industry, MPOB provides and promotes strong scientific and technological support through its commitment to R&D, commercialization of its research findings and transfer of knowledge & innovation. It also plays a significant role in matters related to registration, licensing and enforcement.

THE FEDERAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA) was established on 1 July 1956 under the Land Development Ordinance 1956. Its functions as allocated under the Ac (Amendment 1991) are as follows:

- To carry out and implement development projects
- To develop, facilitate and implement development, management and economic, social, agricultural, settlement, industrial and commercial services as well as other related activities in areas where FELDA has been granted the authority to implement land development projects or in areas owned by FELDA and its companies
- To implement activities which can help modernize the agricultural sector in areas where FELDA has been granted the administrative authority especially in activities which are related to production, processing and the marketing of agriculture and livestock product
- To assist, guide, advice, manage and coordinate social, settlement, agriculture, industrial and commercial activities in FELDA areas

FELDA's vision is to become the world leader of oil palm industry and settlers being a part of the middle income group by 2010. Today, FELDA manages about 811,140 ha of plantations of which 723,394 hectares are oil palms, providing employment to 112, 635 settlers, making it one of the big players in the palm oil industry.

SARAWAK LAND CONSOLIDATION & REHABILITATION AUTHORITY

Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA) was established on May 1st 1976, as a Government Statutory Body under the Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority Ordinance, 1976.

The formation of SALCRA was to enable and assist the State Government in achieving the objectives of the New Economic Policy (NEP), particularly concerning the eradication of poverty. The idea to setup SALCRA came during the Mid-Term Review of the Second Malaysia Plan (1971-1975), when the Government of Sarawak decided to form another statutory body with the objective of developing and managing NCR land. It was thought that development of NCR land is an appropriate strategy to bring about socio-economic development to the rural areas, hence, enabling the participation of rural communities into the mainstream of Sarawak's development.

SABAH FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

The Sabah Forestry Department (SFD) was established in 1914 and is responsible for the implementation of Sabah's principal forestry law - the Forest Enactment of 1968. Under this Enactment, SFD oversees the gazettment of forest reserves and their use and management, controls the cutting and removal of forest produce from the state land as well as enforces the Enactment.

SFD vision is make sustainable forest management a reality and in doing so, it manages the State's forest resources in accordance with the principles of sustainable forest management.

SABAH WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

The Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD) is under the Ministry for Tourism Development, Environment, Science and Technology of Sabah. SWD is responsible for implementation and administration of the Sabah Wildlife Conservation Enactment 1997. Under this Enactment, SWD strives to conserve a number of protected areas and regulate wildlife utilization in Sabah.

SWD also implements the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) as well as contributes to the implementation of the International Convention of Biological Diversity and to a number of other international, regional and bilateral agreements.

RAINFOREST DISCOVERY CENTER

The Rainforest Discovery Center (RDC) evolved from a small, cozy environmental education (EE) centre in 1996 into one of Sabah's most popular EE centers. It was officiated on August 10th 2007 by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Abdullah Hj. Ahmad Badawi.

Today, RDC is managed by the EE Unit of the Sabah Forestry Department. Although the main purpose of the RDC remains as an environmental education centre for students and teachers, it has opened its doors to the public since August 2006. Together with the nearby Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre, RDC will help boost tourism in the Sandakan district of Sabah.

SEPILOK ORANG UTAN SANCTUARY

The Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre was set up in 1964 to rehabilitate orang utans. Located in the lush 4,300-hectare Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, the Centre, which is under the administration of the Wildlife Department of Sabah, attracts tourists and researchers alike; giving them the opportunity to watch the orang utan up close in their natural habitat.

A boardwalk leads visitors to a viewing gallery and feeding platform where the apes are fed with bananas twice a day by the rangers. While orang utan rehabilitation is still the primary goal at Sepilok, it also focuses on public education on conservation, research and assistance on other endangered species such as the rhinoceros.

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iv. Master Card International	Tel: 1 – 800 804 594 (toll-free)
v. Visa Card International	Tel: 1 – 800 802 997 (toll-free)

ABOUT THE MALAYSIAN PALM OIL COUNCIL



**'From a single seed was born an industry which employs thousands;
from a single seed was born a crop which feeds millions.'**

The birth of the palm oil industry in Malaysia can be attributed to a consignment of seeds dispatched from the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew, England to the Botanic Gardens in Singapore in 1875. More than 10 years later, the popularity of this exotic plant continued to rise and further consignments were brought in.

The first commercial planting of oil palm took place at Tennamaran Estate in Bestari Jaya, Selangor in 1917; laying the seeds for the palm oil industry as it is known in Malaysia today. However, large-scale cultivation in Malaysia did not take off until in the 1960s following the Government's agricultural diversification program, which was implemented to reduce the country's economic dependence on rubber and tin. A key driver for this effort was the Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA), established in 1956 to assume socio-economic responsibilities for developing plantation land for the rural poor and the landless. Today, palm oil has become an important tool for ensuring an equitable distribution of wealth and nutrition throughout the country, accounting for close to 75% of agricultural land under cultivation and playing a key role in the socio-economic development of the rural hinterland.

As the plantation industry blossomed from the colonial era to the present day, various organizations have been formed to represent the interests of relevant sectors. On January 25th 1990, the Malaysian Palm Oil Promotion Council (MPOPC), an industry-funded organization, was established and entrusted with the task of consolidating the promotional and marketing activities of the Malaysian palm oil industry in an effort to make it the leading oil in the global oils & fats market. It was later renamed in 2006 as the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC); reflecting the change in posture from being a promotional centre to a fully fledged council. Tasks undertaken by the MPOC include 'the promotion of the varied techno-economic advantages of palm oil and its by-products and by enhancing the global image of the palm oil industry through effective education of its potential as an environmental sustainable agricultural product.'

MPOC has been internationally recognized as a leading institution for information on all matters concerning palm oil, disseminating information on good agricultural practice, as well as providing support to the industry to share *Nature's Gift to Malaysia* with the world.

Representing an industry of more than 100 years old, MPOC continues to take the leading role in providing thought-leadership on issues relating to sustainable agricultural practices, conservation of the environment, forest, biodiversity & wildlife and renewable energy.

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