

Sime Darby Plantation, Carey Island

Welcomed another Visit from UTAR

As part of the University Roadshow Program to spread the Love My Palm Oil awareness by IChemE Palm Oil Processing Special Interest Group (POPSIG), the students from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman Sungai Long Campus acquired a chance to visit Sime Darby Plantation Located at Carey Island on 21st October 2019 from 10.30am to 1.30pm. The person in charge for the visit, Mr. Ezzaruddin Abdul Rapar had been very informative, fun and patient in making the session a fruitful one. Mr. Ezzaruddin first introduced us about the plantation geometrical structure which was inquired by one of the students who was curious upon the size of the plantation land.

Mr. Ezzaruddin then proceed to passed them knowledge upon palm oil plantation especially how they were reproduced, the species of the tress, the functions and benefits of the oil from the harvested fruits, strategies of sustainable developments applied in palm oil plantation. Mr. Ezzaruddin even further explained how and why open burning often happened in palm oil plantation from Indonesia and solutions that Sime Darby practiced in reality to clear doubts on the accusations of open burning towards Sime Darby recently. The students were taught that Sime Darby actually uses Zero Burning Practices that to prevent natural fire, hot spots especially during draught seasons are monitored closely with the aid of satellites and so on. It was indeed an eye opening session for the students.

Next, the students also toured the museum set up in Sime Darby Plantation for a walk back towards history to know more about the origins of palm oil and of the company too. However, the Sustainable Development area is still under construction and hopefully there will be another visit in the future for the students to further understand the practices of Sime Darby in contributing to the sustainable development goals.

As a Malaysian, it is important to understand and defend for our Palm Oil Industry that has been countlessly accused of its cons up till today. It is a great responsibility to educate our children with the right knowledge and information. Once again, thanks to Sime Darby Plantation for the effort in educating the students!



Figure 1: Group Photo



Figure 2: Explaining Session by Mr. Ezzaruddin



Figure 3: Tasting and Smelling the Fruits and Plants



Figure 4: Souvenir Presenting by Dr. Shuit Siew Hong on Behalf of UTAR