

International COMPETITION ON

OIL PALM MECHANISATION

More than **USD 200 000** worth of total cash prizes to be won*.

ICOPM 2

Gold Award worth USD 1 000 000 to the 'winner of winners' based on outstanding innovation and creativity that will transform the oil palm industry*.

This competition is aimed at finding NEW, FRESH IDEAS from local and overseas towards the development of machines for field operations in oil palm plantations. The ideas must be practical and cost-effective and should be able to increase workers' productivity.

CATEGORY

1. Harvesting Technology
2. Loose Fruit Collection Technology
3. Fresh Fruit Bunch Evacuation Technology
4. Crop Care Technology
5. Integrated Technology

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

National and international inventors and innovators; researchers; scientists; research and development institutions; oil palm companies; SMEs; institutions of higher learning; automotive companies and manufacturing or engineering firms.

ELIGIBILITY

1. An individual or a team of up to four can enter the competition.
2. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age, as at 31 December 2015.
3. Judging and prizes are divided into the above categories.
4. Members of the organising committee, judges, employees of MPOB and their family members are not eligible to enter this competition.
5. Previous ICOPM contestants may enter the competition. They need to highlight the improvements that have been made to their earlier invention.
6. Only contestants who accept the rules and guidelines herein and have submitted their competition form shall be considered.

Closing Date for Submission: **30 November 2015**

For further information and submission, kindly visit: **www.mpob.gov.my/ICOPM**



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**Terms and conditions apply*

OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Inventions and innovations must be the original creation of the contestant. By their submissions, they represent and warrant that the inventions are of their own original creation; they own the rights to the submitted materials; they have acquired permission from all other collaborators who contribute to the invention; do not infringe public health, safety and morality; are not for illegal, dangerous, or unsafe purposes/activities; do not involve illegal substance; and have not been copied in whole or in part from any other work and do not violate or infringe any copyright, trademark or other proprietary rights of any person or entity (including any rights or privacy or publicity).
2. Late, illegible or incomplete entries will not be considered.
3. An individual or a team can submit more than one entry but in relation to different inventions or innovations and on separate competition forms.
4. Entries should not have won any awards in similar contests held previously or be submitted concurrently to any other competitions.
5. No amendments or alterations may be made to the entries after they have been submitted to the Organiser. The Organiser makes the final decision as to which submissions are eligible for participation in this competition.
6. If selected to the final stage, it is compulsory for the contestant to ensure that the prototype is available at the demonstration site, and functioning well in order to be evaluated.
7. The Organiser reserves the right to exhibit or publish entries that qualify for the final stage.
8. The Organiser will take necessary precautions to keep all entries in safe custody but shall not be held responsible for any losses or damages incurred, including incidental, consequential, special, or indirect damages. If for any reason the competition is not carried out as planned due to causes that affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the competition, the Organiser reserves the right, at its sole discretion to cancel, modify the criteria, dates or terminate the competition without notice to the contestants.
9. Submissions will not be returned to the contestants and will be retained by the Organiser for the purpose of documentation.
10. All submissions which do not comply with these Rules and Regulations or that otherwise contain prohibited, or inappropriate content deemed unacceptable by the Organiser, in its sole discretion, will be disqualified. Further, the Organiser reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual deemed to be tampering or attempting to tamper with the selection process or the operation of the competition.
11. The decisions of the judges are final and not subject to review or appeal.
12. The Organiser has the right not to award the prizes, if there are no suitable winners.
13. The Organiser of this competition is the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB).