

## FOREWORD

*Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh* and Greetings.

A hearty welcome to all distinguished participants and presenters joining us for the **3<sup>rd</sup> International Plantation Conference (IPC2023)** where we bring together scholars and professionals from various fields to engage through physical and virtual platforms, celebrating the discovery of new ideas and breakthroughs and leveraging research potential.

**IPC2023** is a platform that encourages active collaboration and knowledge transfer, providing exposure and opportunities and benefitting stakeholders ranging from government agencies to local and international universities, industries, and communities.

Underscored by a firm objective of heightening research collaboration with the industry and community, the conference promotes navigating the intricate landscape of challenges and opportunities confronting the plantation and commodity industries. From the adoption of sustainable practices to the integration of cutting-edge technologies and the quest for ethical supply chains to fostering inclusive socio-economic growth, this academic gathering is set to become a crucible of ideas and innovations.

Given the vast array of insights and knowledge to be gained at the conference, I am deeply grateful to the esteemed speakers, sponsors, partners, and hardworking organisers whose unwavering dedication has brought this conference to fruition. Your collective efforts serve as the foundation upon which this undertaking stands and ensure significant strides towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

Most of all, I look forward to impactful initiatives and enduring partnerships inspired and derived from this **IPC2023** experience, propelling the plantation and commodity industries towards a future characterised by resilience, innovation, and sustainable growth.

Lastly, I wish everyone continued success in all endeavours, and thank you.

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