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MIFT COUNCIL 2016/2018 – ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018

The Council has great pleasure in presenting its 44th Annual Report for the year 2017/2018.

The Council organized several events from mid August 2017 to early June 2018 which included Seminars entitled “Food Safety: Current Challenges & Updates” in conjunction with the 43rd Annual General Meeting, “Food Defense, Healthier Choice Logo & Food Labelling”, “Striving for Excellence in Auditing of Food Establishments”, Factory Visits, etc.

The Council also continues to participate in various committees such as the National Codex Committees, the Working Group for Sectorial Training Committee Human Resource Development Fund and SIRIM Technical Committees.

1. 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The 43rd AGM was held on 12th September 2017 at Geno Hotel, Subang Jaya, Selangor. The meeting was attended by 31 members (6 Fellow members, 22 Professional members and 3 Life members) of which 31 were eligible for voting. New honorary auditors were elected for the 2017/2018 term as follows:

Honorary Auditors: i. Justin Tay Cheow Hwang (P0915)
 ii. Nam Huey Fen (P1222)

2. COUNCIL MEETINGS & MIFT ADMINISTRATION

The Council held six council meetings up to 9th June 2018, since last reported at the 43rd AGM. The confirmation of employment of Teo Lay Hong @ Tiew Lay Hong (Evelyn) as Assistant Administrator (Full-Time) at MIFT commenced on 6th August 2017.

3. MIFT MEMBERSHIP

3.1 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

A total of 30 individuals were accepted as new members in the calendar year of 12th July 2017 (from last AGM report) to 9th June 2018. The breakdown of new members according to category during this calendar year (2017/2018) is shown below:-

<u>Category of Membership</u>	<u>Number</u>
Professional	26
Graduate	1
Associate	1
Corporate	1
Student	1
TOTAL	30

As of 9th June 2018, the breakdown of total MIFT members according to category is shown below:-

<u>Category of Membership</u>	<u>Number</u>
Fellow	25
Professional	580
Graduate	30
Associate	36
Corporate	19
Student	41
TOTAL	731

4. ACTIVITIES

4.1 SEMINAR ON “FOOD SAFETY: CURRENT CHALLENGES & UPDATES”, GENO HOTEL, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017.

This seminar was organized in conjunction with the 43rd AGM, attended by 145 persons (26 members, 42 non-members, 25 sponsors (and their support staff), 20 lunch guests, 7 Product Innovation Award (PIA) recipients, 2 Mead Johnson Nutrition award winners, 7 speakers, 14 Council and 2 staff). The organizing committee was headed by Dr. Adi bin Md Sikin.

4.2 SEMINAR ON “FOOD DEFENSE, HEALTHIER CHOICE LOGO & FOOD LABELLING”, GENO HOTEL, 23RD NOVEMBER 2017.

This seminar was attended by 64 persons (19 members, 28 non-members, 3 Ministry Of Health Representatives, 3 Speakers, 1 student speaker, 8 Council and 2 staff). The organizing committee was headed by Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad.

4.3 SEMINAR ON “STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE IN AUDITING OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS”, DORSETT GRAND SUBANG, 10TH APRIL 2018.

This seminar was attended by 53 persons (8 members, 24 non-members, 8 Speakers, 11 Council and 2 staff). The organizing committee was headed by Zahara Merican.

4.4 MIFT PRODUCT INNOVATION AWARD 2017

The MIFT Product Innovation Award is given to winners once every two years. Entries for the Award are open to all Malaysia food processors, manufacturers and entrepreneurs. For MIFT Product Innovation Award 2017, judging was conducted on 13 July 2017 at Food Science Technology Research Centre, MARDI Serdang, with 7 panel of independent judges. The organizing committee was led by Camilla Chua and Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad. The outcome of the Award was as follows:

No.	Award	Product	Company	MNC/SME
1	Platinum	Julie's Oat 25 Ten Grains Cookies	Perfect Food Manufacturing (M) Sdn Bhd	MNC
2	Gold	Nestle Cerelac Nutripuffs - Banana Strawberry	Nestle Products Sdn Bhd	MNC
3	Gold	Onigiri-Nasi Lemak Sambal Ikan Bilis	Kawan Food Manufacturing Sdn Bhd	MNC
4	Silver	Nestle Bliss Plus Low Fat	Nestle Products Sdn Bhd	MNC

		Yogurt Drink-Apple, Cranberry & Pomegranate		
5	Silver	Sweet Potato Crisps	Kilang Makanan Mamee Sdn Bhd	MNC
6	Gold	Milky Mochi Durian D24	LKT Food Industries Sdn Bhd	SME
7	Silver	Red Velvet (Cookie)	Coffeeland Sdn Bhd	SME

4.5 2nd MIFT-MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION POSTGRADUATE FOOD SAFETY RESEARCH AWARD COMPETITION 2017

MIFT continues its collaboration with Mead Johnson Nutrition to support activities in the field of food safety by organizing a competition for postgraduate students to recognize excellence in research on food safety. Participating universities were from UiTM, UNISZA, UKM, UMS, UCSI, USM, UTHM and UPM, with each university eligible to submit one paper. Top three winners were as follows:

Candidate, University	Paper Title
Birdie Scott Anak Padam, UMS	Natural compounds derived from banana (<i>Musa balbisana cv Saba</i>) inflorescence as potential biopreservative against selected foodborne pathogens
Farah Asilah Bt. Azri, UPM	Ultra-trace detection of Aflatoxin B1 in peanuts using a multi-walled carbon nanotubes/chitosan electrochemical immunosensor
Chuah Li Oon, USM	Dissemination and colonization of poultry and its processing environment in Northern states of Malaysia by multidrug-resistant <i>Salmonella</i> and possible role of biofilm formation

4.6 15th ASEAN FOOD CONFERENCE, HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Ms. Cheong Ai Mun, Gold Medalist in the Postgraduate Research Paper Competition – Oral, at the MIFT 10th National Food Science & Technology Competition held on 17-18 March 2017, Taylor's University Lakeside Campus was chosen to represent Malaysia and sponsorship was arranged by MIFT for her to compete at the 15th ASEAN Food Conference on 14-17 November 2017 in Vietnam. She went on to win 1st Prize for the Best Graduate Paper Competition with her paper entitled *In-Vitro* Gastrointestinal Digestion of Kenaf Seed Oil-In-Water Nanoemulsions.

MIFT provided sponsorship for travel and meals to the 4 team members from Universiti Sains Malaysia who won in the MIFT 10th National Food Science & Technology Competition to compete in the Food Quiz Bowl. They were successful in obtaining 3rd place in Vietnam. Perfect Food Manufacturing (M) Sdn. Bhd. represented Malaysia to showcase its winning product Julie's Oat 10 Grain Cookies which won the MIFT Product Innovation Award.

The conference was attended by Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad on 14-17 November 2017 representing the ASEAN Sub Committee Food Science & Technology as the Malaysia Focal Point and organizing committee, while Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud represented MIFT as Fellow of the International Union of Food Science & Technology.

4.7 FACTORY VISITS

As part of informative educational visit for members, MIFT has organized several factory visits. This committee was headed by Raja Arief Deli Raja Nasharuddin.

No	Event Date	Factory	No of participants
1	1 Aug 2017 (Tuesday)	Food Aid Foundation	6 members, 2 non-members, 2 council members, 2 staff (12 persons)
2	31 Oct 2017 (Tuesday)	Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) & Dewina Food Industries Sdn. Bhd.	9 members, 12 non-members, 2 council members, 2 staff (25 persons)
3	8 Mar 2018 (Thursday)	Prestasi Flour Mill (M) Sdn. Bhd.	9 members, 8 non-members, 1 council member, 2 staff (20 persons)

4.8 MIFT REPRESENTATION TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Council members represented MIFT in various committees as follows:-

Committee	Body	Principal Rep	Alternate Rep
Technical Committee on Food Safety	SIRIM	Nik Ismail Nik Daud (NIND)	Koh Yew Ming (KYM)
JK Kebangsaan ASEAN Taskforce on Codex	MOH	Camilla Chua (CC)	KYM
Jawatankuasa Codex Kebangsaan (JKCK): ASIA	MOH	CC	Adi Md Sikin (AMS)
Jawatankuasa Codex Kebangsaan (JKCK): Food Hygiene	MOH	Fadzillah Haryati Mohamad Yusof (FHY)	Raja Arief Deli (RAD)
Jawatankuasa Codex Kebangsaan (JKCK): Food Contaminants	MOH	Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad (HHA)	CC
Jawatankuasa Codex Kebangsaan (JKCK): Food Labelling	MOH	FHY	CC
Jawatankuasa Codex Kebangsaan (JKCK): Import/Export Inspection and Certification Systems	MOH	CC	NIND
Jawatankuasa Codex Kebangsaan (JKCK): Fish and Fish Products	DOF	NIND	AMS
Jawatankuasa Codex Kebangsaan (JKCK): Food Additives	MOH	DNA	KYM
Working Group for Sectorial Training Committee Human Resource Development Fund	STC HRDF	NIND	FHY Amie Wo (AW)
Technical Advisory Committee on Food Regulations	MOH	NIND	CC

Food Analysts Council	MOH	Rep 1: NIND (Jan-Nov 2017) HHA (Nov 2017–Nov 2020); Rep 2: Ong Mei Ling (Jan 2017–Jun 2018)	
Industrial Standards Committee (ISCU)	SIRIM	NIND	N/A
Kumpulan Ikhtisas Sains Malaysia (KISM) SDN BHD	Investment Holding Company	Goh Seng Aun (GSA)	Wong Yee Wah (WYW)
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Malaysia (NIOSH)	Ministry of Human Resources Malaysia	AW	HHA
Federation of Institutes of Food Science & Technology in ASEAN (FIFSTA)	Society	HHA	N/A
Taylor's School of Biosciences Industry Advisory Panel		KYM	
UKM Faculty and Institute Advisory Panel		HHA	
UPM Food Science and Technology Faculty Advisory Panel		HHA	

4.8.1 HRDF – MESYUARAT F&B STC COMMITTEE

Meeting was attended by Amie Wo Soek Meng on 28 July 2017.

4.8.2 HRDF – MEETING WITH HEAD OF F&B STC COMMITTEE

Meeting was attended by Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud (Technical Assessment Panel for Food Tech) on 7 August 2017.

4.8.3 MALAYSIAN INNOVATION HUB (MIH)

Meeting was attended by Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud on 21 August 2017.

4.8.4 COMMENTS AT STEP 3 ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE (CAC/RCP 1 – 1969) AND ITS HACCP ANNEX

Meeting was attended by Fadzillah Haryati Mohamad Yusof on 20 September 2017.

4.8.5 MESYUARAT JAWATANKUASA INDUSTRI NIOSH CERTIFICATION BIL. 1/2017

Meeting was attended by Amie Wo Soek Meng on 21 September 2017.

4.8.6 FOOD AND BEVERAGE SECTORIAL TRAINING COMMITTEE (STC): 2ND MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2017 - HRDF

Meeting was attended by Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud and Fadzillah Haryati Mohamad Yusof on 25 September 2017.

4.8.7 TAIWAN QUALITY FOOD ASSOCIATION AT KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE (KLCC)

Meeting was attended by Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud, Amie Wo Soek Meng and Goh Seng Aun on 27 September 2017.

4.8.8 DREAMCATCHER & MIFT PARTNERSHIP MEETING AT AGRO BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (ABI)

Meeting was attended by Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad and Raja Arief Deli Raja Nasharuddin on 6 October 2017.

4.8.9 MESYUARAT JAWATANKUASA KECIL CODEX KEBANGSAAN FOOD HYGIENE (JKCK FH) BIL. 2/2017

Meeting attended by Raja Arief Deli Raja Nasharuddin on 27 October 2017.

4.8.10 MESYUARAT JAWATANKUASA KECIL CODEX KEBANGSAAN FOOD HYGIENE (JKCK FH) BIL. 1/2018

Meeting attended by Fadzillah Haryati Mohamad Yusof and Camilla Chua Soo Lee on 11th April 2018.

4.8.11 MESYUARAT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SAFETY 2017/2018

Meeting attended by Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud on 9 March 2017, 11 April 2017, 24 May 2017, 18 July 2017, 22 August 2017, 20 September 2017, 31 October 2017, 20 December 2017, 6 February 2018 and 19 to 21 March 2018.

4.8.12 FEDERATION OF INSTITUTES OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN ASEAN (FIFSTA)

Thailand hosted the Food Ingredients Asia Conference 2017 "From Function To Application: Alternative Food Ingredients" and member societies for a back-to-back FIFSTA meeting on the 15 September 2017. This meeting was attended by Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad and discussed on the events organized by member societies, rules and regulations for the ASEAN Food Conference (AFC) competitions, the sponsorship of students for the AFC competitions and proposed book on indigenous food in ASEAN.

4.8.13 TALKS WITH MALAYSIAN BOARD OF TECHNOLOGIST (MBOT) TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS TO BE RECOGNISED AS PROFESSIONALS

Several meeting(s) and events that were organized by MBOT was attended by MIFT representatives, Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad, Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud and Prof. Dr. Noriham Abdullah to discuss the certification process on 18 August 2017 at MBOT's office in Putrajaya and also MBOT Technology and Technical Accreditation Summit on 14 December 2017 in efforts to work with MBOT to obtain professional certification for food technologists under the Technologists and Technicians Act, 2015. Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud was one of the forum panelists at the said Summit.

Six Founding members were also identified and their names and CVs were forwarded to MBOT. They are Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad, Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud, Zahara Merican, Prof. Dr. Noriham Abdullah, Noraini Dato' Mohd Othman (MOH) and Dr. Jinap Selamat (UPM).

MIFT was then invited to form the Technical Expert Panel to identify pathway via MBOT in terms of academic, experience, CPD (continuous professional development) and workplace ethics. An initial meeting to set up a Terms of Reference for the Technical Expert Panel was organized and attended by Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad, Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud, Prof. Dr. Noriham Abdullah, Zahara Merican, Ong Puay Hioh (Peresscol), Choon Hin Phuah (Nestle) and Mohd. Khairudin (MOH Rep from Pn Noraini's office) on 11 September 2017 at MIFT's Office.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be signed between the organizations and MBOT in efforts to formalize the relationship. However, MIFT will take the cue from MBOT on signing date. MIFT will continue to lend our support and cooperation to MBOT in 2018.

4.8.14 FOOD ANALYSTS COUNCIL

Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad was appointed to Food Analyst Council (Term: 14 Nov 2017 to 13 Nov 2020) replacing Dr. Nik Ismail Nik Daud as representative of MIFT.

4.9 OTHER SEMINARS/ EVENTS

4.9.1 TALKS ON HOW TO BE A FOOD ANALYST AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

Dr. Koh Yew Ming was invited to speak on the talk at Monash University on 24 July 2017. Dr. Siow Lee Fong was in attendance on the event.

4.9.2 JEMPUTAN KE MAJLIS PELANCARAN PUSAT KECEMERLANGAN TEKNOLOGI DALAM INDUSTRI 4.0

Event was attended by Fadzillah Haryati Mohamad Yusof on 27 July 2017.

4.9.3 ADVISORY PANEL AT TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY BIOSCIENCES

Meeting was attended by Dr. Koh Yew Ming on 22 August 2017.

4.9.4 TALKS ON ASSOCIATION AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

Dr. Siow Lee Fong was invited to speak on MIFT on 7 September 2017.

4.9.5 PERUNDINGAN MENGENAI FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY MALAYSIA

Meeting was attended by Prof. Jinap Selamat representing Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad on 15 September 2017.

4.9.6 MAJLIS PERASMIAN PERSIDANGAN DAN PAMERAN KESELAMATAN KESIHATAN PEKERJAAN KE-20 (COSH 2017) BY NIOSH

Event was attended by Amie Wo Soek Meng on 18 September 2017.

4.9.7 FOOD ANALYST ACT AWARENESS TALK AT TAYLOR'S UNIVERSITY

Dr. Koh Yew Ming was invited to speak on Food Analyst Act on 4 October 2017.

4.9.8 8TH BIENNIAL REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TOTAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT – QUALITY, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND LABORATORY INFORMATICS (QSEL 2017), 10-11 OCTOBER 2017 AT PWTC, ORGANIZED BY IKM

MIFT was a Supporter of this event.

4.9.9 MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL HALAL SHOWCASE (MIHAS 2018), 4-7 APRIL 2018 AT MITEC, BY MITI

MIFT was a Collaborator of this event.

5. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

As per attachment.

5.1 BANK ACCOUNTS

The operation of all the bank accounts (MBB and UOB) maintained by MIFT remain unchanged with Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad, Dr. Koh Yew Ming and Prof. Dr. Noriham Abdullah continuing as signatories.

Another bank account was opened on 8 May 2018 with Maybank SS15, Subang Jaya branch (Acc. No. 5122 2263 9555) as it is closer proximity to MIFT's office.

5.2 BOOK KEEPING

The book keeping of accounts for 2017/2018 has been completed by Lee Chen Ling.

6. KISM SDN. BHD.

KISM Sdn. Bhd. is an investment holding company registered in 1988 with a paid up capital of RM1,500,000. MIFT's investment in KISM is 10% amounting RM150,000. A 7% interim dividend (tax exempt) was declared in 2017 and the amount of RM10,500 was banked-in on 24 November 2017. On 30 June 2018, KISM has declared a 7% final dividend for financial year 2017, which is another RM10,500 and this sum would be payable by end July 2018.

Goh Seng Aun represents MIFT on the KISM Board and Wong Yee Wah is the alternate director.

7. MIFT OFFICE & BUILDING

7.1 TENANCY

The first floor is rented by Mutual Industrial Supplies Sdn. Bhd. (Co. No.: 877952-K). Date of commencement of tenancy effective from 1 September 2017 for five years with option to renew after 3 years on terms to be mutually agreed upon. Current rental rate fixed at RM1500/- per month.

The tenancy of the ground floor to Sheng Yik Hardware Machinery Co renewed with rental per agreement remain at RM2750 until 14 September 2018. New extension of Tenancy signed with rental rate of RM3000/- per month (15 September 2018 - 14 September 2021) and RM3300/- per month (15 September 2021 - 14 September 2022). For 14 September 2022 onwards, new tenancy agreement is based on current market rate and other terms to be mutually agreed upon.

7.2 UPDATE ON MIFT WEBSITE

The new upgraded MIFT website is available via mift.org.my/web with new features on online members system, membership approval for admin, business opportunities via web advertisement and MIFT activities updates for members. This committee is headed by Dr. Koh Yew Ming.

8. FUTURE EVENTS

- 8.1 Factory visit to F&N Dairies in early August 2018.
- 8.2 Supporting Partner - Food Microbiology and Fermentation Congress Asia 2018 (6-7 August 2018)
- 8.3 MIFT 11th National Food Science And Technology Competition at UTAR, Perak (Tentative date: 6-7 April 2019)
- 8.4 16th ASEAN Food Conference, Bali (Tentative date: 15-18 October 2019)
- 8.5 Saturday Talks
- 8.6 Factory Visits

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Council would like to record its appreciation to the following organizations for their continued support:

Ministry of Health Malaysia
Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia
Mead Johnson Nutrition Sdn. Bhd.
Dewina Food Industries Sdn. Bhd.
Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)
Prestasi Flour Mill (M) Sdn. Bhd.
Perfect Food Manufacturing (M) Sdn. Bhd.
Food Aid Foundation
Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM)
Malaysian Board of Technologists (MBOT)
F&N Beverages Marketing Sdn. Bhd.
SIRIM STS Sdn. Bhd.
SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.
Institut Kimia Malaysia
Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers
Department of Fisheries Malaysia
3M Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.
PricewaterhouseCoopers Malaysia
Hong Leong Assurance
Synerchem Sdn. Bhd.
YTL Communications Sdn. Bhd.
Instyle Solution Sdn. Bhd.
KISM Sdn. Bhd.

In conclusion, the Council would like to acknowledge the great teamwork of its Council Members and support from all its members.

Signed on the original by:-

Hasimah Hafiz Ahmad
President

Signed on the original by:-

Raja Arief Deli Raja Nasharuddin
Honorary Secretary

Date: 9th June 2018