

**21st PALM AND LAURIC OILS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION: PRICE OUTLOOK
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CHAIRMAN OF BURSA MALAYSIA BERHAD**

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Good morning and welcome,

Yang Berhormat Tan Sri Bernard Giluk Dompok
Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities, Malaysia,

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Mohd. Sabri Ahmad
Chairman of the Malaysian Palm Oil Board,

Yang Berbahagia Datuk Lee Yeow Chor
Chairman, Malaysian Palm Oil Council,

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Dr Mohd Basri Wahid
Director-General, Malaysian Palm Oil Board,

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Yusof Basiron
CEO of the Malaysian Palm Oil Council,

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Lee Shin Cheng
Executive Chairman of IOI Corporation Bhd,

Mr Charles Carey, Vice Chairman,
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. (CME),

Mr Phupinder Singh Gill
President, CME

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Yusli Mohamed Mohamed Yusoff
CEO of Bursa Malaysia and Chairman of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid, Managing Director of Sime Darby Plantation
Sdn Bhd

Distinguished guests, delegates, partners and sponsors,

Members of the media,

Ladies and gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you once again to Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad's 21st Palm and Lauric Oil Conference, also known as POC 2010. We are honoured to have with us today Yang Berhormat Datuk Bernard Giluk Dompok, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities. I look forward to Yang Berhormat Datuk's keynote address which will set the pace for this conference. Your presence certainly gives the conference and the subject matter great impetus, in addition to creating more traction for the industry's progress.

The POC is already into its second decade. It has increasingly gained significance over the years to become the most prominent and world's largest palm and lauric oils conference, attracting the attention of international palm oil experts and players from over 40 countries. I am heartened to note how well-received this conference has been, and this year is no exception, with participation yet again hitting 1,500 delegates.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This consistently good turnout of international players does show that the palm oil industry continues to be a vibrant and exciting industry with much potential. Undoubtedly, the ongoing development of palm oil production and the increasing demand for cost-managed edible oils and fats have created continuous opportunities for growth, and cemented the important role Malaysia has in fulfilling global needs for this commodity. Indeed, the industry has come a long way since its humble beginnings and this growth can only be attributed to collective efforts between the Government, as well as the physical and futures players who propel the industry forward. It is a job well done, but we are the first to acknowledge that there still remains much more to be done to elevate the profile, acceptance and development of this industry.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Riding on the back of this firmly entrenched industry is Bursa Malaysia Derivatives' star product, the Crude Palm Oil Futures contract, or better known by all of us as the FCPO contract. The FCPO contract is one of the most actively traded derivatives contracts and has been the globally-preferred benchmark for the pricing of crude palm oil for the last 30 years.

As CPO prices are often determined by various factors, the FCPO offers the opportunity to better manage price volatility in the palm oil industry. Last year, despite a challenging start, the FCPO contracts performed exceptionally well with a 34% increase in trading volume to over 4 million contracts from the year before.

I believe that in order to have sustainable growth, one of the most important aspects is how organisations can leverage on each others' strengths to achieve greater heights. In line with the theme of our conference which calls for **Global Connectivity**, we believe it is time for us to **Raise the Game**. To that end, as you may well know, Bursa Malaysia Derivatives has embarked on a partnership with the CME Group, to work together to further improve accessibility and profile of our derivatives offerings globally. The objective of this partnership is two-pronged; in that we hope to increase the visibility of our products globally, and to increase trading participation in our market.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Whether it is for the physical or futures markets, in managing volatility, mitigating risk factors and ultimately ensuring that the industry remains vibrant, price trends are important for palm oil players. This POC conference, as always, will be a crucial platform to address this concern.

We have with us today our friends from the CME Group, and we will hear from Mr. Charles Carey, the Vice Chairman of the CME Group on his perspectives for the market. We also have an impressive line up of renowned experts who will share keen insights on the industry moving forward. I believe that all of you will benefit from the discussions on the price outlook and predictions for this commodity for 2010.

At this juncture, allow me to thank our panel of distinguished speakers for being here at POC 2010 to share their insights and knowledge with us. I would also like to express our gratitude to our supporting organizations, the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, Malaysia, the Malaysian Palm Oil Association (MPOA), the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) and the Palm Oil Refineries Association of Malaysia (PORAM). We are also heartened by the support of Sime Darby Plantation Berhad as our event partner, our Titanium Sponsors Emery Oleochemicals Group and LT International Futures as well as

other partners and sponsors, exhibitors and delegates who have contributed towards the success of POC 2010.

As for the participants of the conference, I hope you will take good advantage of this opportunity and take home with you a wealth of knowledge and good experience from this conference. For those of you who have joined us from abroad, I hope you will enjoy your time in Malaysia.

While POC continues to be a convergence of minds every year, it is my hope that what you take back will extend beyond this conference. These dialogues must continue actively and we must look at ways of improving the industry. Developing the market is a collective effort and we should all share that responsibility in the interest of sustainability.

I wish you all the best and an engaging learning experience over the next two days.

Thank you.