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PREFACE

Undergraduate research enhances learning experience and empowers students to seek out resources and research opportunities to achieve their full academic potential. Hence, undergraduate curriculum at the Faculty of Agro-Based Industry imposes the students from each academic session to take up a final year project (FYP) to conduct research in their relevant academic programs. It is an obligatory for the completion of their B. Sc Honours degree. This book presents the comprehensive findings of undergraduate research that adhered to systematic research methods and analysis, supervised by experienced faculty members. The supervisors did not only expose students to diverse research approaches across various disciplines but also guided them in executing research systematically to achieve their study objectives, interpret their findings, and effectively communicate the outcomes in writing and presentations. This book will stand as a valuable resource for the future students to design and carry out their FYP undergraduate research related to the area of agro-based industry. The book provides models, approaches, recent trends and successful undergraduate research articles.

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CHAPTER 1 EMPIRICAL STUDIES OF AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE

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Growing awareness of national food security and sovereignty issues has generated a range of unprecedented challenges for the agricultural sector in Malaysia. Agriculture has always been connected to productivity. Agriculture and aquaculture are two of the most essential and productive sectors of any economy. The main objective of these two fields is to meet human demand for food through the cultivation of crops and the rearing of aquatic animals. This article delves into a compilation of various research studies conducted in the field of agriculture and aquaculture with a focus on enhancing production methods.

The cultivation of crops and the raising of animals in order to produce food dates back many thousands of years, and although much has changed in the way food is produced, there are still many aspects of sustainable agriculture that have survived as essential features of production. Sustainable food production plays an important role in safeguarding the health of people and the environment, contributing significantly to employment and economic growth, and supporting social development. Sustainable agriculture is essential to overall food security and food safety. Sustainable agriculture contributes to food security when it increases productivity and promotes efficient use of resources; and to food safety when it reduces health hazards, such as the risk of bacterial contamination of crops and foods, caused by agrochemicals and other factors. Aquaculture is the farmed production of seafood like fish and crustaceans. It is the fastest-growing food production sector in the world, with production expected to double