

CURRICULUM VITAE

1.0 Name: Tam Pak Suew Age: 51 Sex: Male

2.0 Academic Qualification: Bachelor of Engineering (Civil),
University of Malaya, 1982.



3.0 Working Experience:

- 3.1 1982 to 1991 - As a civil engineer involved in Expressway design, construction activities.
- 3.2 1992 to 1998 - Working as turnkey contractor under the concept of “design and build” for Pahang Agriculture Development Authority (Lembaga Kemajuan Perusahaan Pertanian Pahang, LKPP) to rehabilitate 920 ha (2,273 acres) of paddy field in Kuala Rompin. This was a sub-project under the Integrated Agricultural Development Project Rompin-Endau (IADPRE, 1982 -1986). The design concepts and approaches based on the small holders padi farming system was totally revamped based on the large-scale commercial and mechanised farming approach. He also undertook as paddy planting contractor of the project from 1993 to 1998 with planted area of about 1,800 acre per season.
- 3.4 1999 – Present - Rehabilitating the abandoned Kahang paddy project of 730 acres. **300 acres had been completed in 2001. Integrated organic rice farming research and development were conducted** since 2000. Full planting of 270 acres integrated organic rice started in March, 2002 as known as Kahang Organic Rice Eco Farm (Koref). Tam is the founder and CEO of Koref. It is the first and largest integrated organic rice farm in Malaysia. It has been certified as Organic farm in November, 2005 by Department of Agriculture, Malaysia. Currently organic vegetable and organic dragon fruits planting, fish culturing and livestock rearing have been integrated in commercial scale in Koref. Agro-ecotourism is

also actively promoted by Koref with farm stay of 70 pax and camping facilities of 350 pax. Today, more than 10,000 visitors have visited the farm on daily, farm stay, camping, talks and seminars basis.

4.0 Consultancy services for project study, design and build:-

- 4.1 1996 –1997 – As paddy project consultant for Bernas in The Republic of Guinea, Africa to study rice project of area **4,500 ha**. Visited Institute of International Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Nigeria and West African Rice Development Authority, (WARDA) in Ivory Coast in 1996.
- 4.2 June, 2000 – Consultancy services as rice agronomist, irrigation and drainage engineer of Pre-Feasibility Study Report on the Proposed 5 Granary Areas (Daro-Matu, Limbang, Batang Lupar, Roban and Gedong areas) with combined areas more than **20,000 ha for commercial rice production** for the Ministry of Rural and Development, Sarawak
- 4.3 March, 2001 - Consultancy services as rice agronomist, irrigation and drainage engineer in the preparation of Pre-Feasibility Study Report on the Proposed 4 additional Granary Areas (Paloh-Bangau, Merapok, Ba Kelalan and Bario areas) with combined areas of **10,000 ha for commercial rice production** for the Ministry of Rural and Development, Sarawak.
- 4.4 June – December, 2001 – As rice agronomist and internal infrastructure irrigation engineer consultant for a Feasibility Study of Daro-Matu Rice area of **3,000 ha** under PS Konsultant, Kuching.
- 4.5 February, 2001 to December, 2001 – Consultancy services to a project called Bundong-sian Padi Mini Estate to develop 1st **410 ha of fresh water swamp into mechanised large-scale commercial rice farming** at Bintangor, Sarikei, Sarawak

for State Farmers' Organisation of Sarawak. Project management services also provided under the implementation stage.

4.6 2002 – 2004 – Consultancy services to a project called Sungai Tulai Padi Mini Estate to develop additional **460 ha of paddy mini estate in Sarawak from swampy low paddy land with full scale irrigation and drainage facilities for double cropping** at Bintangor, Sarikei, Sarawak for State Farmers' Organisation of Sarawak.

4.6 2004 – present – Consultancy services to a project called Sungai Tekap Padi Mini Estate to develop additional **226 ha of paddy mini estate in Sarawak from swampy low paddy land with full scale irrigation and drainage facilities for double cropping**.at Bintangor, Sarikei, Sarawak for State Farmers' Organisation of Sarawak.

5.0 Papers Presentation in Malaysia's Agriculture Department and International Conferences

5.1 Numerous papers on Large Scale Paddy Farming had been presented to Department of Agriculture, Kuala Lumpur, Johor, Sarawak States, Trade Associations, etc. from 1997 to 2003.

5.2 Commercial Rice Production in Sarawak Seminar, 6th – 7th, September, 1999, Agriculture Institute, Semongkok, Kuching, Sarawak. Subject Title – “Paddy Estate Development – Private Experience”.

5.3 International Conference on Organic Farming for Sustainable Development, 6-7, August, 2002, Kuching, Sarawak. Subject Title – From Conventional to Organic Rice Farming -Experience Sharing.

- 5.4 International Rice Conference, 2003, 13th to 16th October, 2003, Alor Setar, Kedah.
Subject Title – Experiences towards Integrated Organic Rice Development in Johor, Malaysia.
- 5.5 National Agriculture & Agro-based Industry Conference 2005, 28th & 29th June, 2005, Kuching Sarawak. “Malaysia Agriculture Sector: Changing Times, Growing Opportunities”. Subject titles – “Making Agriculture A Lucrative Business – Challenges & Challenges”.
- 5.6 Malaysia Agro-Bio Business Conference in Conjunction with The International Food & Beverage (MIFB 2005), July 14-16, 2005, Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. Subject Title – “Malaysia’s Own Kahang Organic Rice Production”.