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## Engaging Youth in Agriculture: Key to the Future of Food Safety

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### Background

**Food Safety** is one of the main issue in the world today. The excessive used of chemical fertilizers and insecticides to yield a good harvest of agriculture products can have serious effect on human being due to the amount of chemical residual in the agricultural products. Exposure of proper used of chemical to the young faculty of agriculture students to the “food safety and sustainable agriculture” is important as these young students will be later employ as extension agents, agriculture officer or to be a farmers themselves.

### Tree Planting Program



• Source: <https://www.upm.edu.my>

Tree Planting Program was conducted each year with the involvement of all new intake students. The purpose of this programme were to exposed the contribution of agriculture to environment and sustainable biodiversity.

### Objective

The **objective** of this poster is to expose the audience about the activities undertaken by faculty of agriculture students taking action in learning the issue of food safety in agriculture. Hence engaging these young students with the issues of “food safety” is very important in ensuring the foods that Malaysian consume are **SAFE**. In the same token the gathering of students all over the world can become a platform in exchanging ideas and experienced regarding “food safety” issue and how to tackle them in their respective countries as a learning experience.

### International Agriculture Students Symposium (IASS)



• Source: BSc Agriculture Science, Faculty of Agriculture Program Book, 2018.

The **IASS** was held once in two years to become the platform for students around the world to gather and share their knowledge and experience about agriculture.

### BAYER Safe Use Ambassador Program



• Source: <https://agri.upm.edu.my/akademik/permatani-9855?L=en>

**BAYER Safe Use Ambassador Program** is an agriculture extension programme and promoting safe use of pesticides and herbicides awareness among farmers and future farmers which involved students from Faculty of Agriculture, UPM.

### Participating Youth in Agriculture



• Source: Faculty of Agriculture, UPM, Agriculture Extension.

Students from the Agriculture courses are being exposed to the importance of organic farming, Malaysia Good Agricultural Practices (MyGAP) and sustainable procedures for crops, other cash crops and commodity crops.