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## Talk to enhance syllabus of ISM Diploma in Agribusiness Management

**TAWAU:** The Institute of Science and Management (ISM), Tawau will be partnering with Sabah Agricultural Department (Jabatan Pertanian Sabah) to hold an open public talk on November 16, in an effort to enhance the syllabus of the Diploma in Agribusiness Management (DAM) programme.

The talk will cover both the MyGAP & MyOrganic certification schemes at length and address the issues on the subject matter.

As the population grows, so does the demand for food. Nevertheless, the question remains whether the food that we eat every day is truly health beneficial or otherwise.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimated more than 2 million people die each year from diseases caused by contaminated food and water.

Access to health-worthy food supply is one of life's fundamental necessities, essential for physical and mental well-being and, in turn, sustainable economic growth.

From the farm to our plate, we all have responsibilities to help ensure the food that we produce, sell, and buy is safe for consumption.

To address this increasingly serious matter, the Malaysian Agricultural Department (MOA) had launched two certification schemes, MyOrganic (formerly known as Skim Organik Malaysia (SOM)) and MyGAP back in 2003 and 2013 respectively to improve the quality of food products and encourage more farmers to implement the good agricultural practices.

All these paved the way to move towards organic farming.

Public registration is open until 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and the seats are limited to 80 people.