



World Sustainable Palm Oil Conference

The Malaysian Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister H.E Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui and the Minister of Agriculture Indonesia, H.E Dr Ir Anton Apriyantono addressed the conference held in London on Sept 15.

The first such forum involving the two leading palm oil producers, it was jointly organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute, Malaysian Palm Oil Board and the Malaysian Palm Oil Council. It was themed *The Road Ahead for Sustainable Palm Oil*.

Both Ministers highlighted efforts to ensure production and supply of sustainable palm oil. This was to refute unsubstantiated claims that palm oil production has adversely affected the environment.

Their speeches revolved around:

- The importance of the oil palm industry in generating growth and providing employment;
- Measures in place to ensure sustainable development of the industry;
- Concerns regarding steps taken by major markets that may impede import of palm oil;
- Balance between the use of palm oil for food and energy purposes;
- Land development and land-use change for planting of palm oil; and
- Domestic measures to enhance productivity.

The Ministers also interacted with participants, explaining what their countries are doing to implement **guidelines** on sustainable production of palm oil

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