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MPOB Appoints New Director-General



Dr Ahmad Kushairi bin Din has been appointed as director-general of the Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB) effective from July 2016.

The creator of dozens of oil palm-related technologies, Dr Ahmad, 59, started his career with Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia as one of its pioneers. He was a research coordinator in PORIM's Serdang station focusing on research of oil palm breeding and genetics.

He worked at PORIM's Kluang (Johor) station as its head before heading to the United States (Louisiana State University) for his PhD and a second Masters degree.

From 2000, he was attached to the MPOB head office in Bangi, Selangor, and later promoted to Director of Biological Research. He was MPOB's deputy director general for R&D from 2011 until his elevation to DG.