

#### Sustainable Bio-Business in ASEAN: Introduction to CHITOSE Group

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Chitose Bio Evolution Pte. Ltd.

#### About CHITOSE Group



Rep.	Founder&CEO Tomohiro Fujita
Est.	Oct. 2011
Capital	724,015 SGD (Market Cap.: 140M SGD as of 2015)
Share Holder	T. FUJITA62.8%Employee14.6%Angel Investors18.3%IHI Corp.4.3%
Employee	No. of Employee: 93 (incl. executives, advisors, & part-time) No. of Employees w/ science educational bg: 90% No. of Ph.Ds: 21 Nationality (JP, TW, MY, SG, PH, CN)

	2011	Establishment of Chitose Bio Evolution Pte.Ltd (CBE) as a holding company. Neo- Morgan Laboratory Inc. became a subsidiary of CBE.
History	2012	Establishment of Chitose Agri Laboratory Sdn.Bhd.
THSLOTY	2013	Acquisition of Nihon Biodata Corp.
	2014	Establishment of Tavelmout Corp.
	2015	Strategic Investment from IHI corporation
	2015	Establishment of Chitose Agriculture Initiative Pte.Ltd.
Location	10 Off	ices & Labs (JP 5, SG, MY 3, TH)

**Our Mission** 

 Transferring our society from "Fossil-Fuel based" to "Solar-Energy based" through biotechnology.

Solar-Energy Based Society Fossil-Fuel Based Society 0. Solar Energy **Fossil Fuel** 5. Service 5. Service (920,000 (467 EJ/y) 3. Sales 4. Re-use 3. Sales  $CO_{2}$ Bio-tech 2. Processing 1. Material 1. Material 2. Processing 4. Waste

**One-Way Wasting** 

Recycling

### **Our Projects**

We have more than ten on-going projects domestically and internationally to achieve our mission. Today, we introduce two projects we currently conduct in Malaysia.





# Palm Oil Industry

Global market size of palm oil industry is over 70 billion USD. "Oil palm belt" lies around the equator ± 10-15 degrees of latitude. Indonesia and Malaysia contribute 85% of global Palm oil production.











# Problems Associated with Palm Plantation

Various environmental problems associated with the establishment of huge palm plantation have been increasingly reported recently.



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Palm plantation consumes huge quantity of fertilizers, Nitrogen(N), Phosphorus(P) and Potassium(K). We are implementing a nutrient recycling system aiming to improve environmental sustainability in palm plantation/industry.



# Nutrition Uptake by Duckweed

- Duckweed absorbs N,P,K in effluent and synthesizes biomass.
- Not only Duckweed itself, but also symbiotic microbial activities around Duckweed under water, contribute to decrease nutrient in the water, and thus, BOD.

Surface of the water



#### Demonstration



■ We demonstrated 1-ha Bio-Recycling system.



# **Composting Duckweed Biomass**

 Duckweed and solid wastes from Palm oil mills were mixed and composted to produce biofertilizer.

Before operation



Start with Fresh EFB and solid palm waste with duckweed.



- •C/N Ratio control
- Moisture control
- Activation of the NML Microbe
- Maintenance of the optimum fermentation condition

Filtrate in 5mm filter. (Still hammer mill is necessary for the pelletize.)

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"Authentic strawberries" are rarely available at local grocery stores in ASEAN countries. We planed to produce Japanese high-quality strawberry on site, and deliver them to ASEAN countries at a reasonable price.



# Japanese Eco-Friendly Cultivation Technology

We provided advanced ag-technology from Japan, set up well-designed production system, and introduced efficient management system.

#### **Conventional system**

- •Excess use of pest/herb-icides
- Low productivity
- Inefficient energy use



#### Our system

- Minimized use of pest/herb-icides
- High productivity
- •Efficient energy use



#### Low Environmental Impact



# Local Production System

We first acquired the most suitable area, Cameron highlands, for growing strawberries. Then, we obtained the import permit of Japanese Strawberry seedling from the Dept. of Agriculture in Malaysia. Finally today, our professional farmers reside at the site and produce the Authentic strawberries.. <u>1.Select suitable environment</u> 2.First formal importer



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# 3.Japanese professional farmer



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# CHITOSE's Whole Supply Chain





# Market Reaction

Our strawberries have gained a good reputation.



#### **Other Businesses**

We are accelerating to set up several Bio-Recycling business in ASEAN countries through biotechnologies.







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