



Profile

Univanich Palm Oil PCL is a pioneer of the oil palm plantation industry in Thailand with a track record going back to the company's first plantings in 1969. Today Univanich is one of Thailand's leading palm oil producers and the country's largest exporter of crude palm oils and high quality oil palm seeds.



The Company's emphasis on modern agricultural practices and productivity improvement was enhanced during 15 years of successful joint-venture with the Anglo-Dutch corporation Unilever. From 1983 to 1988 Univanich was managed as part of Unilever's Plantations and Plant Science Group, from Cambridge, UK.



The Univanich Research Department is a leading centre for oil palm research employing 100 people and with more than 650 hectares under field trials. This includes an internationally recognised oil palm breeding programme which produces high yielding hybrid seeds for local and overseas oil palm growers.



Univanich operates three oil palm crushing mills located in Krabi Province, the centre of the prime oil palm growing region in Southern Thailand. These three factories purchase approximately 80% of their palm fruit from small outgrower farmers and together produce more than 150,000 tonnes of palm oil annually.



At the core of the Univanich business is an experienced management team and more than 1,000 skilled employees. Many have overseas business experience gained during their service with Unilever's Plantation and Plant Science Group. In November 2003, Univanich shares were listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand where they are traded in the Agribusiness sector under the abbreviation UVAN.



At the 2005 Thailand Business Leaders Awards organised by CNBC and the Stock Exchange of Thailand, Univanich was judged Best Performing Company in the Agro-Food Sector, and the company's Managing Director, Mr John Clendon, was one of eight nominees for Thailand's CEO of the Year.





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Products



Univanich's three crushing mills produce Crude Palm Oil (CPO) and Crude Palm Kernel Oil (PKO) which is sold to refineries in Thailand or exported in bulk shipments to customers in Asia and Europe.

The company's internationally recognized Oil Palm Research Centre produces high yielding DxP Tenera Oil Palm Seeds which are exported to oil palm growers around the world.

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News Highlights 2013

New factory in Philippines



Univanich Carmen factory under construction in Philippines

Construction of the new palm oil factory in Carmen Municipality of North Cotabato Province will be completed as planned in the second quarter of 2014. The Univanich Carmen Palm Oil Corporation (UCPOC) is a 51 : 49 jointventure with local investors and oil palm growers. It is the first palm oil crushing mill in North Cotabato where many small farmers are welcoming this new opportunity to increase the income from their family farms.

Thailand's first export of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO)



Loading Thailand's first cargo of CPSO at the Chean Vanich export jetty in Krabi

Following the certification of Univanich plantations and crushing mills by the Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), the company achieved another milestone by exporting Thailand's first cargo of certified sustainable palm oil to premium markets in Europe.

International presentation of Univanich research results



At the 2013 Malaysian International Palm Oil Congress (PIPOC) the results of an important Univanich planting density trial was presented by Univanich consultant Dr RHV Corley, as a lead paper to more than 2,000 delegates. The trial was conducted over 16 years and the scientific paper was co-authored by Dr Corley and Dr Palat Tittinutchanon, our company's Plantations Director and Head of Oil Palm Research.



During 2013, Mr John Clendon was invited to present Univanich research papers to the International Palm Produce Conference (IPPC) in Nigeria, and the Palm Oil Africa Summit in Gabon. West Africa is becoming an important market for Univanich seed exports.

CSR Activities

Dr Palat Tittinutchanon was the first patient to test a new dental clinic donated by Univanich to Plaipraya Hospital.

On behalf of Univanich, Mr John Clendon presented two portable oxygen generators to Aoluk Hospital.





At the 2013 Thailand Excellence Awards, Univanich was honoured as the Palm Oil Plantation Company of the Year, for a company which has pushed the boundaries of excellence and demonstrated outstanding performance in the Thailand market.



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