

## The collaborative research agreement with Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)

Nimura Genetic Solutions Co. Ltd. (also known as NGS; Tokyo, Japan) has signed a contractual agreement with Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) for the search and investigation of the potential of actinomycetes, from oil palm environment to inhibit the growth of *Ganoderma boninense*, a fungal disease for oil palm.

MPOB is a government related agency for Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities. This is the first collaborative research with government agency that NGS generates revenue. Plantation of oil palm is a major industry in Malaysia, but recent years, the yield is badly affected by *Ganoderma* disease. This collaborative research proposes biological control focusing on actinomycetes to curb the spread of the *Ganoderma* infection.

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