



Speaker Biodata

Paper 1: Economic Updates and Trade Challenges

Speaker: YB Wong Chen

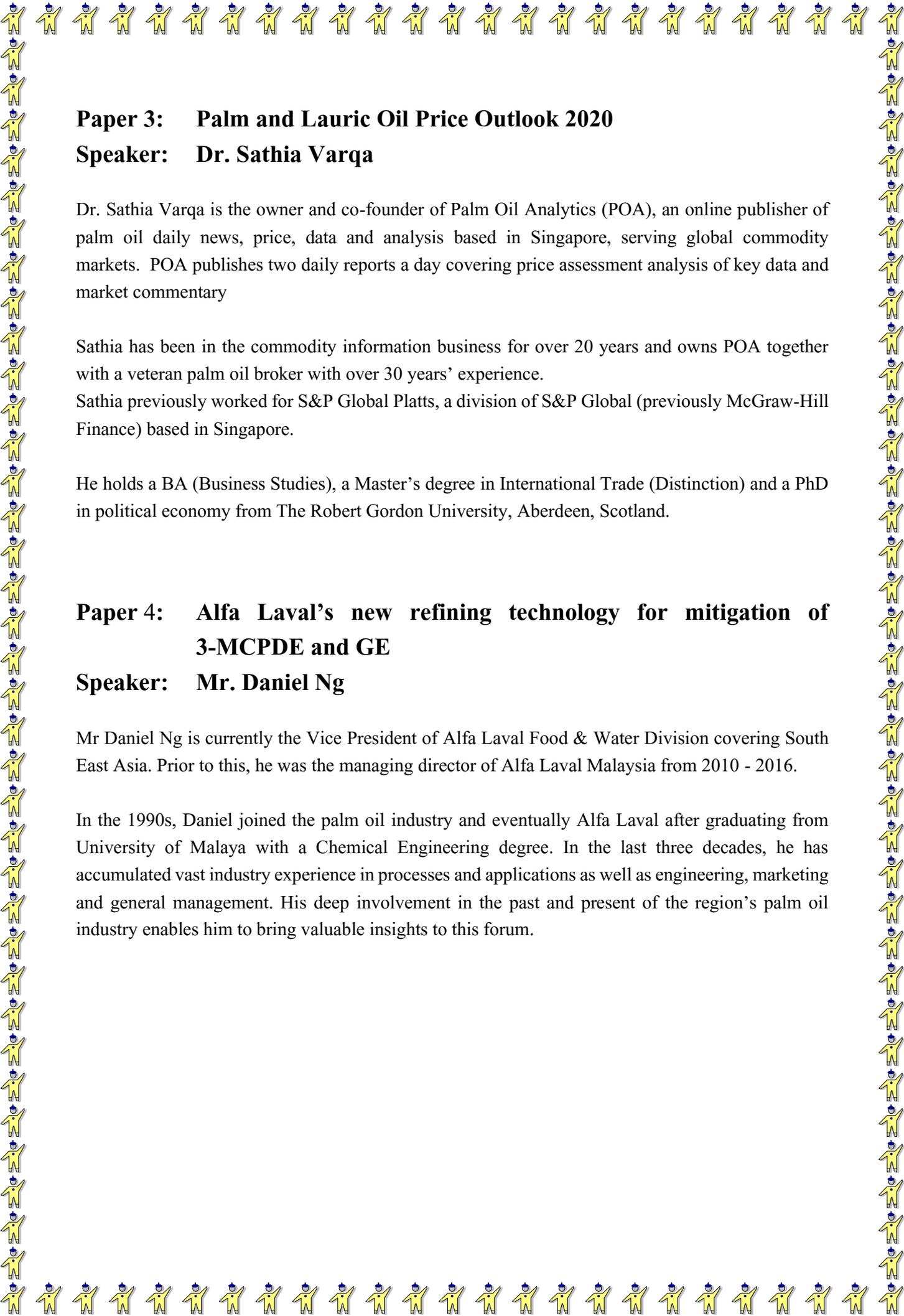
YB WONG Chen is a second term Malaysian Member of Parliament. A former corporate lawyer specialising in mergers and acquisitions, he was educated in the United World College of South East Asia and the University of Warwick. He is a technocrat from the People's Justice Party (PKR) and held the post of Chairman of the Investment and Trade Bureau and also the Alternative Budget Committee for Pakatan Harapan. He is currently a member of the ruling coalition and serves in the Public Accounts Committee. He specialises in fiscal, economic, international trade and human rights policies. An outspoken progressive reformist, he is regularly featured in local and international media. A popular politician, he was re-elected with a landslide victory of 83% in May 2018 in the Subang constituency.

Paper 2: How quality can be used to differentiate agricultural commodities

Speaker: Dr. Julian McGill

Dr Julian McGill is the Head of South East Asia at LMC International. He is in charge of research for the ASEAN region. He and his team are based in Kuala Lumpur where they research all of the major crops in the region. A large part of their research is dedicated to the economics of the palm oil, lauric oils and their downstream products.

Prior to joining LMC, Julian completed an M.A. (Honours) in Economics from the University of Edinburgh and his PhD at the University of Oxford.



Paper 3: Palm and Lauric Oil Price Outlook 2020

Speaker: Dr. Sathia Varqa

Dr. Sathia Varqa is the owner and co-founder of Palm Oil Analytics (POA), an online publisher of palm oil daily news, price, data and analysis based in Singapore, serving global commodity markets. POA publishes two daily reports a day covering price assessment analysis of key data and market commentary

Sathia has been in the commodity information business for over 20 years and owns POA together with a veteran palm oil broker with over 30 years' experience.

Sathia previously worked for S&P Global Platts, a division of S&P Global (previously McGraw-Hill Finance) based in Singapore.

He holds a BA (Business Studies), a Master's degree in International Trade (Distinction) and a PhD in political economy from The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Paper 4: Alfa Laval's new refining technology for mitigation of 3-MCPDE and GE

Speaker: Mr. Daniel Ng

Mr Daniel Ng is currently the Vice President of Alfa Laval Food & Water Division covering South East Asia. Prior to this, he was the managing director of Alfa Laval Malaysia from 2010 - 2016.

In the 1990s, Daniel joined the palm oil industry and eventually Alfa Laval after graduating from University of Malaya with a Chemical Engineering degree. In the last three decades, he has accumulated vast industry experience in processes and applications as well as engineering, marketing and general management. His deep involvement in the past and present of the region's palm oil industry enables him to bring valuable insights to this forum.