

## **FAQs on Closure of Plant Biotechnology Laboratory**

### **1) What will happen to my existing orders or orders placed on 29 December 2017?**

Our Laboratory will continue to maintain and fulfil the orders received on and before 29 December 2017. We will inform our customers on the status of their orders periodically as per usual practice.

### **2) Who can I approach and contact for similar services?**

From 2018 onwards, the School of Applied Science (ASC) at Temasek Polytechnic (TP) will be providing similar services to the orchid industry and hobbyist. For more information on the services, please email them at: [HorticultureServices@tp.edu.sg](mailto:HorticultureServices@tp.edu.sg)

### **3) What is the expertise of TP in relation to tissue culture?**

With a well-equipped plant tissue culture facility, the ASC at TP started providing orchid tissue culture services in late 2005 to an orchid farm. Requests for similar plantlet tissue culture services for costus, ginger and ornamental aquatic plantlets were also received since 2006. Plant tissue culture work is performed under stringent aseptic conditions and Standard Operating Procedures by a team of experienced staff. Other than providing contract services, ASC also collaborates with industry partners in research and development for improving crop productivity or for variety creation depending on the needs of the industry partner.

### **1) How much is TP charging for related services?**

The charges of TP services are:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Target Customers</b>
Seed germination	\$50 per seedpod	One price for industry and hobbyists
Seedling production	\$15 per lot of 25 seedlings	One price for industry and hobbyists
Tissue culture plantlets	*\$850 (for the first 1000 plantlets) \$700 (for subsequent lot of 1000 plantlets)	Price for industry
	*\$200 per lot of 200 plantlets (Minimum order quantity is one lot)	Price for hobbyists

\*\$35 to be paid upfront as processing fee. All prices quoted are without GST.  
For enquiries on the pricing, please contact: [HorticultureServices@tp.edu.sg](mailto:HorticultureServices@tp.edu.sg)

### **6) Who can I contact in AVA for enquiries?**

For enquiries, please email to [Cliff\\_Tham@ava.gov.sg](mailto:Cliff_Tham@ava.gov.sg)