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FOREWORD

The Malaysian Pepper Industry Bulletin is published biannually by Malaysian Pepper Board. This bulletin is produced for the benefit of individuals and organizations involved in the pepper industry.

It is our intention to continually improve the quality of this publication so as to enhance its usefulness. Towards this end, we welcome suggestions and contribution of articles from our readers. All contributed articles, if published will be duly acknowledged.

Chairman
Malaysian Pepper Board

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GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF SARAWAK PEPPER

Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB) has registered Sarawak Pepper with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia (MyIPO) as a product under Geographical Indications (GI) since 4 November 2003 as per stipulations in the Certification of Registration under the Geographical Indications Act 2000, Geographical Indications Regulations 2001.

Among the objectives of GI registration for Sarawak Pepper is primarily to protect the name, image and reputation such as the unique flavour profile, quality reputation, consumer loyalty and price premium either locally or abroad. It provides protection for Sarawak Pepper in any forms (whole, ground, pickled, etc), all graded pepper, value-added pepper products and pepper-based products of Malaysia from being illegally exploited by others.

Malaysian Sarawak Pepper exports have long gained the reputation of being reliable both in delivery and quality. This reputation has over the year spurred Malaysia pepper industry into moving further forward to producing niche products such as Sarawak Creamy White Pepper (CWP) and the Mikrokleen (MK) which are in high demand, particularly by clients who would not compromise on quality. Therefore, MPB as one of the government agencies entrusted with the development of the pepper industry in Malaysia ensure that only quality Sarawak Pepper will be exported overseas.

Sarawak Pepper, being the first agriculture product to be registered under GI in Malaysia has gained its reputation and recognition internationally due to its high quality and unique flavour. GI registration of Sarawak Pepper brings significant impact to the country’s economy by widening the market with high demand from countries like Japan, China, Korea and Singapore.

Value-added Sarawak Pepper products, both upstream and downstream are marketed throughout Malaysia. However, only upstream specialty products such as Creamy White Pepper and Mikrokleen are exported overseas.

In order to enhance buyer’s confidence towards Sarawak Pepper, MPB has embarked on an effort to improve the quality of Sarawak Pepper right from the farm level to the export level. In line with this, MPB has been awarded with the MS ISO / IEC 17025:2005 and MS ISO 9001:2008 for Quality Management Systems and Provision of Purchasing Pepper, respectively.

GIS certificate registered with MyIPO
Amongst the quality parameters that MPB focus on are:

i. Mechanical (physical) – includes grading/analysis to monitor pepper samples such as moisture, impurities (extraneous matter), seeds (light berries), bulk density, mildew (berries mouldy) pepper, black seeds (black berries) for white pepper powder and size (particle size) for the pepper powder;

ii. Microbiology – analysis to determine the content of micro-organism within the pepper samples. These include Aerobic Plate Count, Total Coliform Count, Fecal Coliform Count, Yeasts, Moulds and Bacteria Pathogens such as Escherichia coli and Avian salmonellosis spp;

iii. Intrinsic chemical properties – chemical analysis for natural oil such as pepper piperine, VOCs/pepper essential oils (VO), non-volatile ether extract (NVEE), crude fibre, total ash, acid insoluble ash (AIA) as well as the profile of the taste and the aroma of pepper.

iv. Extrinsic chemical properties - analysis to detect chemicals that are not produced naturally by pepper. This includes chemicals such as pesticides, trace metals (trace/ultra-trace heavy metal) and mycotoxin;

In addition to this, MPB also obtained Halal Certification from the Malaysian Department of Islamic Development and Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points (HACCP) Certification from the Ministry of Health Malaysia. This recognition has put MPB on the fast track in pepper industry by possessing worldwide recognition testing laboratory and grading unit.
International Pepper Conclave 2013

The International Conference Pepper Conclave 2013 was held at the JW Marriott Marquis, Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 24 - 25 June 2013. The conference was attended by 100 participants from all over the world. Presiding over the event was Datin Paduka Nurul Aini Abdul Rahim, Secretary General of the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC), who is also the Chairperson of International Pepper Community (IPC) for the year 2012/2013, Mdm. Norafiza Abdul Fattah, Assistant Secretary of Industrial Development Cocoa and Pepper (IKL), MPIC. Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB) was represented by Mr. Grunsin Ayom, Director General; Mr. Othman Bin Sajili, Senior Director of Administration and Human Resource Division and Mdm. Jenny George, Director of Licensing, Enforcement and Grading Division. Mr. Chai Chiu Khin of Syn Min Kong Company was also member of the Malaysia Delegation.

The opening ceremony held on the first day was officiated by its host, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Sulayem, who is also the Executive Chairman of Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC). The highlight of the conference was the launching of the Common IPC Sales Contract by the Chairman Datin Paduka Nurul Aini Abdul Rahim followed by the Opening of Exhibition by the host. The ceremony was proceeded with the presentation of papers in three sessions, namely Session 1 (Consumer Countries), Session II (Producing Countries) and Session III (Private Party - ACE Global).
On the second day of the conference, representative from Sri Lanka delivered their presentation. This was followed by panel discussion whereby proposals and plans as well as strategies and approaches that can be developed to ensure the sustainability of the world’s pepper industry in terms of production and price stabilization have been addressed. The IPC Committee held a meeting later on the same day on marketing scenario and projected that pepper price will remain strong throughout the year 2013. However, the new harvest in India (December - February) and Vietnam (February - April), could possible affect the price trend in early 2014. The IPC was urged to disseminate information on the export of pepper more frequently to all pepper producers.

In a side meeting with representatives of national / importer companies from Indonesia and the Netherlands, MPB has shed some light on the pepper scenario in Malaysia. The hosting of the IPC meeting on November 11 - 13, 2013 was also highlighted.

Participation in International Pepper Conclave 2013 has provided an update of the market sentiments. It also provided a venue for exchange of experience and information among industry players. In addition to that, informations with respect to alternative methods of sterilization, grinding and quality requirement were also highlighted.
DELEGATORY VISIT TO IMACRI/ BALITTRO, BOGOR, INDONESIA

Indonesian Medicinal and Aromatic Crops Research Institute (IMACRI) or famously known as BALITTRO (Balai Penelitian Tanaman Rempah dan Obat) in Indonesian is located approximately 55km from Jakarta, in Cimanggu, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia. The major role of the research institute is to conduct research on medicinal and aromatic crops including pepper. On 3 - 5 April 2013, Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB) conducted a delegatory visit to BALITTRO, that consisted of Miss Chong Oi Ping, Principal Assistant Secretary from the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC), Mr. Grunsin Ayom, MPB’s Director General and also MPB’s research officers, Mr. Chen Yi Shang, Mr. Frankie anak Lanying and Mdm. Angela Tida anak Henry Ganie.

The objectives of this visit were to gain an insight on the researches conducted by Indonesia on pepper. As leading pepper-producing countries, both Malaysia and Indonesia share the same concerns over pest and diseases, quality issue and price volatility.

During the meeting session, representatives from Malaysia presented two papers entitled “Pepper Research and Development (R&D) in Malaysia” and “Marketing Scenarios of the Malaysian Pepper” by Mr. Chen Yi Shang and Mr. Frankie anak Lanying, respectively. Those research papers highlighted of MPB’s background, mission and vision, functions and activities, research focus, research projects conducted by MPB, research publications in various international journals and research collaborations between MPB and other universities. Meanwhile, the marketing paper provided information on the Malaysian pepper export scenario from year 1990 to the year 2010.

The Indonesian of Agricultural Research & Development presented a paper entitled “Research and Development of Pepper in Indonesia”. The presenter emphasized that pest and disease problems remain the biggest challenge for a sustainable pepper production in Indonesia. Therefore, BALITTRO has conducted research on pest and disease as well as pepper breeding with the aim to produce new pepper varieties which are resistant to Phytophthora foot-rot disease. Indonesia use one-node cutting for planting while Malaysia on the other hand recommended five-nodes cutting. Apart from this, the Indonesian Spices Council presented a paper entitled “Pepper Marketing Strategies”. Of the marketing strategies that has been
taken by the Indonesian Government are collaborations among pepper producing countries, setting up pepper market information, creating and implementing warehouse receipt system, promotion of domestic consumption of pepper through diversifying pepper product as well as organizing seminars and international conferences such as International Spice Conference (ISC), Agrinex and etc.

The Malaysian delegates also visited the Cimanggu Research Trial Center (Balai Percubaan Cimanggu), a One-Stop Field Research Center for approximately 300 types of medicinal and aromatic crops that are commonly planted in Indonesia. Among these are pepper source plot that is planted with various pepper varieties such as Natar 1, Natar 2, Petaling 1, Petaling 2, Lampung Daun Kecil (LDK), Lampung Daun Besar (LDB) and Bengkayang.

This delegatory visit has provided a valuable opportunity for Malaysia and Indonesia to share research strategies and information on research focus for mutual benefits.
Respected as a modern, peaceful and prosperous Islamic country especially among the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) member countries, Malaysia has the added advantage in championing the halal cause. Moreover, its central position in Asia makes it an ideal platform to draw the world’s Halal players through the 10th International Halal Showcase (MIHAS). Since its inauguration in 2004, with the sole aim to facilitate the sourcing and selling of quality halal consumables products and services globally, this annual trade fair is indeed the largest congregation of Halal industry players from ASEAN and countries across the globe.

MIHAS is annually hosted by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and organised by the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE). This year, it was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) from 3 - 6 April with the theme “A Decade of Excellence”. MIHAS 2013 saw the active participation of 516 exhibitors including foreign exhibitors from 30 countries and attracted approximately 20,000 visitors from both local and overseas.

The Honourable Dato’ Sri Mustapa Mohamed awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to MPB’s representative for a decade of active participation and contribution.
Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB)’s participation in MIHAS 2013 was to highlight the pepper products from Malaysia as Halal product internationally, besides promoting the usage of pepper and pepper-based products in Malaysia. Apart from that, other activities such as the selling of Saraspice products and trade consultations were also held throughout the exhibition. During the official dinner, the Honourable Dato’ Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of MITI, awarded MPB with a Certificate of Appreciation for its contribution and active participation in MIHAS for the past ten years.

*MPB representatives giving consultation to Ms. Alina Chowanska from Poland.*

*Selling of Saraspice products at MPB’s booth.*

*MPB’s officer (right) briefs visitors from China on pepper*
The Pepper Entrepreneurs Seminar was held in Kuching from 25 - 27 March 2013. The three-day annual event was one of the activities carried out under the Entrepreneur Development Training Programme undertaken by the Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB)’s Division of Production and Agro-Entrepreneur Development section.

The programme aims to encourage and develop Bumiputera entrepreneurs ranging from farmers and traders to be involved in pepper business. The main objectives of this seminar are:

i. to enhance entrepreneurs’ knowledge and skill in entrepreneurship through refresher course;
ii. to expose entrepreneurs to the latest mechanisms, procedure and programme which are offered / implemented by MPB in trading activities;
iii. to encourage entrepreneurs to explore new opportunities either inside or outside the pepper industry;
iv. to strengthen entrepreneurs’ knowledge on the pepper grading system and procedures practised by MPB; and
v. to re-emphasize the need to process and market higher-end and higher-value products.
A total of 27 participants registered for this seminar. Mr. Fu Siang Lee, an officer from the Division of Trading and Engineering starting the briefing with his talk on the sale and purchase system of pepper and the procedure of pepper exportation. This was later followed by Mr. Haizora Ridi, an officer from the Licensing Enforcement and Grading Division with his talk entitled “Grading for Export and Trade Surveillance Activities”. Apart from that, participants were also given a brief description on pepper purchasing application by an officer from the Information and Communication Technology Unit, Mr. Wan Ahmad Rafiq bin Wan Julihi.

The seminar was then followed by a dialogue session with the Directors of MPB. The panel consisted of Mdm. Florence Sanjan, Director of the Development of Production and Agro-Entrepreneur Division, Miss Catherine Umbit, Director of Trading and Engineering Division and Mdm. Jenny George, Director of Licensing, Enforcement and Grading Division. Various questions, issues and recommendations were raised by the participants.

The closing ceremony was officiated by the Senior Director of Administration and Human Resource Division, Mr. Othman Sajili representing the Director General of MPB. A dinner was held during the closing ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of the entrepreneurs who have played their parts in the development of the pepper industry. Culminating in a presentation of the certificate of participation.
In order to produce skilful and knowledgeable employees, trainings, be it attending seminars or conferences or even hands-on-training is a must, as employees are the main assets for an organization to move forward. With great demands and higher expectations from the industry as well as stakeholders, any organization, either government agency or private agency, will try their best to match-make their employees with a training provider which is known to have a good record in ensuring their employees will not return empty handed in terms of knowledge and skill. Employees shall then apply the skill and knowledge gained from the training for the mutual benefits of the organization and the industry.

Putting this into account, Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB) represented by Mr. Zehnder Jarroop, Assistant Director of Development and Quality Control Division and Mdm. Suzy Tera, Assistant Science Officer of Development and Quality Control Division attended a hands-on-training on the handling of ICPMSMS (Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer) in Agilent Technologies International, Tokyo, Japan from 22 – 26 April 2013. The training in Tokyo comprised of a detailed and advanced training module as it was a follow up training after the initial training on the handling of the ICPMSMS equipment at Central Laboratory, MPB Kuching. The training in Tokyo was given by Mr. Katsuo Mizobuchi, Senior Application Engineer of ICPMSMS group and assisted by two application engineers, Miss Kazumi Nakano and Mr. Yasuyuki Shikamori.
In general, objective of the training is to improve the monitoring aspect of quality standards for Sarawak Pepper in which the equipment is capable of detecting metals and several non-metals at concentrations as low as one part per trillion. MPB acquired the equipment at the right time as countries such as Japan, Korea and China who are the frequent buyers of Sarawak Pepper have begun to enforce stringent quality standards that must be complied with. The addition of ICPMSMS at the Central Laboratory in MPB Kuching together with other existing laboratory equipment such as LCMSMS (Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer) will be able to maintain and further improve the quality standards of Sarawak Pepper in order to compete with other pepper producing countries.

As a conclusion, the training on the handling of ICPMSMS in Tokyo, Japan is an eye opener as many applications of the equipment were unveiled that can be fully utilized for quality testing in pepper. Apart from that, with the new equipment in hand, MPB is able to increase its analysis parameters and at the same time, enhance buyers’ confidence towards the quality of Sarawak Pepper.
Malaysian Pepper Board (MPB)’s Human Resource and Administration Division, together with its Strategic Planning Division has organized a Senior Officer Conference on 29 - 31 January 2013 in Sibu, Sarawak. During the three-day event, 68 senior officers from MPB went through 14 conference papers aimed at finding new initiatives and a business model to make Malaysia competitive in the global pepper industry.

During the closing of the conference, MPB’s Director-General, Grunsin Ayom reminded its officers on the need to be more pro-active, to “think outside the box” and to find new initiatives in their trading business. “We should broaden our products mix and design a business plan that will strengthen our trading operations especially in Asian quality control, contract delivery and fulfilment, cost cutting and profit enhancing strategies and, above all, the contribution of MPB’s trading operation to the overall development in the pepper industry” he added. “We should also look at alternative modes of production, such as farming on a commercial scale. We cannot rely solely on smallholders alone to deliver what we aim for in the long run”. He also pointed out that this conference has provided a valuable opportunity to all the officers to gain new knowledge and information on the industry, especially the many new developments.
PEPPER MARKET REVIEW
(JANUARY – JUNE 2013)

LOCAL MARKET
Opening at RM16,300/tonne for black pepper and RM25,000/tonne for white pepper in early January, pepper prices were moving on a steady note as scarcity of raw material is still haunting the pepper market. Most industry buyers had covered their needs few months back and they remained sidelines with the start of Chinese New Year celebration in February. The market showed a slight increase after the holidays, but then decreased at the end of April as supply from new harvest started to pour in. The decrease in local prices was also in tandem with the international market trend. Prices closed lower for black pepper at RM15,900/tonne while white pepper prices closed a bit higher at RM25,630/tonne in late June. From January to June this year, Malaysia have exported a total of 5,366 tonnes of pepper, which saw an increase of 766 tonnes or 17% compared to the same period last year.

Source: Malaysian Pepper Board

OVERSEAS MARKET
Most origins reported firm prices after the long year-end holidays. Prices of black pepper quoted at US$7,166/tonne C&F New York and white pepper at US$9,300/tonne C&F Rotterdam in early January had moved up on a steady note. The firm trend was solely driven by the limited materials available at both producing and consuming countries. Although India was in the midst of harvesting season, the arrivals there remained light, thus supported the bullish trend. Indonesia has almost sold off its last year’s crop and totally out of attention until their next harvest in July/August. With the Vietnamese new crop approaching, buyers were not making frantic move. They rather wait for further market developments. Coming to February, pepper market turned quiet with the celebration of the Lunar New Year mainly in Vietnam, Sarawak and Indonesia. Activities resumed after the holidays as buyers were hoping that the markets would ease as the Vietnamese farmers and traders returned from the festivities. Indian prices decreased as their current crop entered the market with lower availability of material reported, while in Lampung and Sri Lanka the prices were reported stable. In Sarawak, prices increased as the stocks were depleting. Meanwhile, Vietnam’s new picking had started and material had slowly entered the market. Due to the higher returns and experience from the previous harvest, farmers held back stocks and were not willing to let go of their materials at the current level. Sporadic buying interest from East Europe and North America was noted. Stocks in consuming countries were on the low side and this had driven the need to cover. However, it was more like hand-to-mouth buying pattern, and for short term basis with no hefty purchasing reported. The Mideast had also shown interest for their Ramadan and Eidul Fitri coverage.

It was also reported that the volume traded from the Indonesian recent harvest was relatively low. Pepper market turned quiet as prices started to move downwards in April with some selling pressure prevailed in Vietnam. Most producing countries reported decreasing in prices. Prices of black pepper closed slightly lower at US$6,835/tonne C&F New York and for white pepper, it closed slightly higher at US$9,400/tonne C&F Rotterdam.

Source: International Pepper Community

MARKET OUTLOOK
Pepper market is likely to remain firm in the coming months despite the ongoing harvesting season in Indonesia. Buyers are expected to stay on the sidelines while waiting for further development in the market and the upcoming Brazilian crop. As supplies are tightening all the time and sellers are now becoming more reluctant, prices are expected to edge up further.

Source: Malaysian Pepper Board
## LOCAL MARKET

### Pepper Prices in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

#### Monthly Average in Ringgit Malaysia per Tonne (January - June 2013)

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## OVERSEAS MARKET

### Sarawak Pepper Prices in New York, London and Singapore

#### Monthly Average in USD per Tonne (January - June 2013)

### Local Market Prices

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LOCAL MARKET

Highlights of Malaysia Pepper Export (January - June 2013 and January - June 2012)

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<td>Green Pepper</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>332</td>
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Countries of Destination and Market Share

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## MPB Visitors
### January – June 2013

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fifth Malaysia International Commodity Conference and Showcase (MICCOS) 2013 is a biennial event organised and hosted by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC). It will be held from 24th to 27th of October 2013 (Thursday-Sunday) at Malaysia Agro Exposition Park, Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia (MAEPS). MICCOS is the premier event for Malaysian commodities industry which encompasses palm oil, rubber, timber, cocoa, pepper, kenaf, tobacco and sago. MICCOS will bring together the major commodity players consisting of smallholders, manufacturers, entrepreneurs, exporters as well as related agencies and organisations that are responsible for the development of the commodity sector in Malaysia. MICCOS 2013 with the theme “Sustainable Commodity for A Better Tomorrow” will feature the transformation of the commodity sector in accordance with the Government’s aspiration towards becoming a high income nation by the year 2020.

Source: http://www.miccos.com.my

Hosted by the Government of Malaysia and organized jointly by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, Malaysian Pepper Board and the IPC Jakarta, the 41st Session and Meetings of IPC will be held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia from 11 - 13 November 2013. The theme for this year Global Pepper Conference is “Pepper - Sustainable Growth and Price Stability”. This 2013 Global Pepper Conference will discuss issues of common interest to the stakeholders of the pepper/spice industry from both producing and consuming countries. The IPC Secretariat also welcomes submission of papers from the interested individual, scientists and companies who are dealing with the pepper production, trade, marketing and R&D related subjects. For more detailed information on the 41st Session and Meetings of IPC, including the programme and registration, kindly visit http://www.ipcnet.org/session41my/

Source: http://www.ipcnet.org/session41my