

PURCHASING BEHAVIOR OF UITM SABAH STUDENT ON INSTANT NOODLES

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

TOPIC OF RESEARCH

"PURCHASING BEHAVIOR OF STUDENTS UITM (BRANCH KOTA KINABALU) SABAH ON A INSTANT NOODLE"

BACKGROUND OF PRODUCT

Instant noodles are dried precooked <u>noodles</u> fused with oil, usually eaten after being soaked in boiling water for 3 to 5 minutes. A flavor packet is usually included with a packet of instant noodles. The flavor packet usually contains <u>monosodium glutamate</u>, although MSG-free varieties can be found. The product may also be consumed raw from the packet, as the noodles are already cooked, usually by frying. The brick of noodles can be broken into squarish chunks before soaking or eating. If placed in hot water (such as from an office coffeemaker), 3 minutes in a <u>microwave oven</u> will cook them properly.

Instant noodles originate from instant versions of the <u>Japanese dish ramen</u>, and retain that name in <u>North America</u>. However, as their popularity spread through Asia, other regional varieties that reflect the diversity of noodles available in the region have appeared, such as instant pho, instant beef noodle soup and instant rice vermicelli soup.

In terms of market volume, the <u>People's Republic of China</u> consumes instant noodles the most, with 44.3 billion packs sold there in 2005. <u>Indonesia</u> follows at 12.4 billion packs and <u>Japan</u> at 5.4 billion packs. <u>South Koreans</u> consume the most instant noodles <u>per</u> <u>capita</u> at 69 packs per year on average, followed by Indonesia at 55, and Japan at 42

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OBJECTIVE OF RESEARCH

There is an objective of the research:-

- To identify students behavior in purchasing a instant noodle among students UiTM Branch Kota Kinabalu Sabah campus
- To investigate why students UiTM Branch Kota Kinabalu Sabah buy instant noodle
- To determine what types of instant noodle that are usually students UiTM Branch Kota Kinabalu Sabah buý.
- To identify problem faced by student in purchasing instant noodle.