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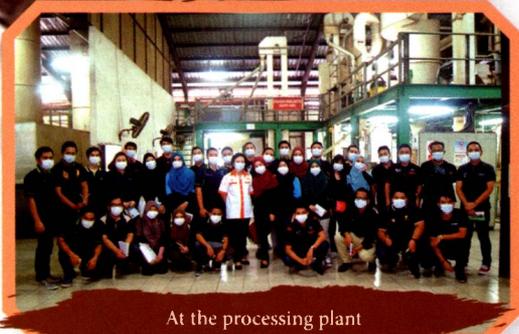
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# Poivre noir Sarawak

By: Margaret Chan Kit Yok



Sarawak Black Pepper at Cours Saleya market, Nice, France



At the processing plant



Presentation of a token of appreciation to Mr. Mohd Khairi Bin Ibrahim, Alumni of UiTM Sarawak by Walter Cornell, UiTM Sarawak student representative

**P**oivre noir Sarawak literally means Sarawak black pepper. Every morning, the Cours Saleya market is filled with a veritable kaleidoscope of sights and smells with fresh produce, cheeses, olives, herbs, flowers, perfumed herbal soups and charm. This was in Nice, France where I took the picture in January when I was attending the kick-off meeting on the ERAMUS project funded by the European Union. I was given a very convincing sales talk by the stall owner trying to persuade me to buy “Le meilleur du poivre noir dans le monde”, “The best black pepper in the world”. I looked at the price – 6 € for 50 grams. The packet on display cost 10 €.

On 17 May 2017, I had the opportunity to accompany the Part 5C Bachelor of Science (Hons) Plantation Technology and Management students to the Malaysian Pepper Marketing Board in Kuching, Sarawak to be exposed to post-harvesting procedure of “Le meilleur du poivre noir dans le monde” before it enters the world market.

We were given a warm welcome by Mr. Julio Jeremy Roy Jihok from the Corporate Office before Mr. Mohd Khairi Bin Ibrahim, the engineer and alumni of UiTM Sarawak guided us on a tour of the processing centre. Stringent quality control was observed and we had to wear masks to protect ourselves from the dust generated from the processing plants.

We ended up at the Research and Development Section where Mr. Augustine Joseph Bunchol, the research officer gave a briefing on the added value products of pepper from biomass. We were served with pepper snacks like chocolates, cookies, sauces and mini pizzas.

## PRACTICAL FIELD WORK AT PANTU OIL PALM PLANTATION, SEBANDI, LUNDU

By: Margaret Chan Kit Yok



Hands-on agronomic activities of collecting leaf and soil samples for analytical work on assessing plant nutrient status

**T**he practical field work is part of the syllabus for the course work on Plantation Management Operation (AGR 615) for the Bachelor of Science (Hons) Plantation Technology and Management course offered by the Faculty of Plantation and Agroteknology in Samarahan campus. The field work at Pantu Small Holder Oil Palm Plantation provided the platform to assess the ability of Part 5 students to evaluate and handle plantation operational activities that contribute to managerial effectiveness. Thirty students accompanied by Associate Professor Dr. Margaret Chan went on the field trip on 12 June 2017.



Group photo of AT2205C Bachelor of Science (Hons) Plantation Technology and Management students



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