

\*A RESEARCH ON MEASURING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MARKETING STRATEGIES OF PEPPER PRODUCT INFLEMENTED BY PEPPER MARKETING BOARD, AT KOTA SAMARAHAN"

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ABSTRACT

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The Pepper Marketing Board (PMB), an agency entrusted with the development of Malaysian pepper industry, has increase its effort particularly on the pepper product development and promotion programs with the dual objective to expand market demand locally and internationally. The study that has been carried out by the researcher is focusing on the effectiveness of the Marketing Strategies used by PMB on the marketing and selling of pepper and pepper-based product.

The study emphasized on how the PMB formulate and structure the marketing strategies based on the concepts of marketing mix that involved the process of analyzing 4P's product, place, pricing and promotion in order to achieve the organization objectives.

The contents of this study consist of six major parts namely introduction, literature review, research methodology and design, analysis and interpretation of data, conclusion and recommendation.

Where based on data analysis and findings for end user they are agree that the product, channel distribution channel, price and promotion apply by Pepper Marketing Board are effective in meeting consumer need.

In the recommendation made by researcher, even though it effective but it must be continuous improvement and review their promotional strategy, channel distribution strategy, pricing strategy and product strategy.

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INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of study

Pepper Marketing Board was established in 1972, as a federal statutory body under the Pepper Marketing Board Regulation. 1971[P.U (A) 447] on December 1971 by minister of Agriculture to regulate, promote and improve the marketing of Sarawak Pepper and value added pepper and product. The industry in Malaysia with the under objective of improving the economy well being of pepper farmers.

Pepper Marketing Board activities are market promotion, farmers development, trade intermediaries development, trading and product development. The function and activities in market promotion involved under taking sales and trade mission to target, participation in trade fair and exhibition and other promotional activities to publicise the availability of quality Sarawak Pepper and value added pepper product from Malaysia.

Meanwhile in the farmer's development, it's focusing on extension programme to inform producers about market prospect and requirement. Farmers are encourage to change their production and marketing structure by improving the quality of their pepper to enhance the production of value added pepper and pepper product for higher return.

In the trade intermediaries' development, it's involved the licensing of all pepper dealer and exporters and supervision of their activities to

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