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# FOREWORD

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Welcome to Virtual-Melaka International Intellectual Exposition 2022 (V-MIIEEX 2022). It is an honour for me on behalf of UiTM Melaka Branch to thank all of you for joining the programme and we are proud to inform you that this is the 12th year consecutively, UiTM Melaka Branch is organizing this exposition.

V-MIIEEX 2022 is a platform to improve the commercialization collaboration among industries and communities and at the same time, we also give the opportunity to academicians and students to share ideas and increase their potential innovation products with the industries and communities through their projects. This exposition also serves as a platform to cultivate and upload the nation's innovation culture by presenting new ideas and research by young people, especially from academia, universities, college, high schools, and primary school students.

The economy and development of the country faced a challenging phase in 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We faced changes in business, education, society, and lifestyle. However, the pandemic proved to be a blessing in disguise as it somehow gave people ideas which would be beneficial to improve their lifestyle and solve problems that might occur in the future. Besides, the new digital landscape also inspires more innovation and new ideas that contribute to various activities such as business and industries. As a university that encourages the "Research, Innovation and Commercialization", this exhibition is organized to encourage more commercialization of products that are beneficial to scholars, industries, and communities to tackle such issues to improve our present and future life.

Since 2009, UiTM Melaka Branch has successfully become the organizer for this innovation exposition. We are not only successful in organizing the exposition, but I would proudly say that we have also successfully embarked on commercialized products. With the number of participants for this year's exhibition, we believe that more commercialized products will be produced in line with the theme for this year, "Road to Commercialisation".

This exposition would never happen without dedication, teamwork, and commitment. A round of applause should be given to the committee teams as the backbone of this exposition. Their hard work, effort, and time made this exposition possible.

Finally, I would like to conclude this brief remark by thanking all the participants and stakeholders for joining the exposition, we hope that this collaboration never ends here.

Thank you.



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It is a great pleasure to welcome all the participants and presenters to the Virtual Melaka International Intellectual Exposition (VMIIEX 22). I am delighted that through this periodic event, we managed to bring together scholars and professionals from various fields to engage through this virtual platform where ideas and breakthrough are discovered and leveraged for commercialization potential.

Since 2009 UiTM Cawangan Melaka has held twelve Invention and Innovation Design competitions and this year we are very honoured to have the second year of VMIIEX organized in digital platform. This has proven that despite the global challenges due to the recent pandemic, it is never an issue for UiTM Melaka to continuously organize this yearly prestigious event and to support the ministry's aspiration in leveraging creativity and innovation in the new norm.

VMIIEX 22 is organized with no sole objectives of accomplishing the University's KPI but instead we are determined to make this programme as the place to help heighten commercialization collaboration in research and innovation with the industry and community through joint exhibitions from various external organizations.

Our aspiration is to also provide exposure and opportunities to academic staff as well as students from public and private universities to engage in direct excellent scholarly activities with the industry and community through activities that can be measured and assessed. As for the Research and Industrial Linkages Office of UiTM Melaka, this exhibition is seen as the platform that can encourage active collaboration and knowledge transfer with industries; objectively to support various activities that will benefit all stakeholders from the various government agencies, local and international universities, industries and communities.

Through the theme of "Road to Commercialization" this year, V-MIIEX 22 is committed to have this event as a boulevard to inspire and cultivate creativity and innovation to the numerous levels of inventors through exposure on latest technologies, astonishing ideas and creative designs with great potential to be commercialized. For this year, we proudly introduce a special category which is the "Endemic Challenge" as the provision to the government of Malaysia's goal of moving towards the endemic.

To ensure that the competing products in this exhibition is not exclusively for the purpose of competition, V-MIIEX 22 is dedicated for the commercialization of highly potential innovation products, which is attained through its active collaboration with tailored needs industries. The commercialization effort was not for income generation purpose only but it aimed to spearhead the development of quality products in line with industrial needs and community benefit.

Therefore, it is a great honour for me on behalf of the Research and Industrial Linkages Office as well as the organizing committee to have all participants in this competition and I would like to express my highest gratitude especially to the Rector of UiTM Melaka and all strategic partners and sponsors for supporting the event.

To finish, I sincerely wish VMIIEX 22 a remarkable success. I believe that this will not be the only collaboration between UiTM Melaka and the respective partners and linkages, but a beginning of a long and fruitful cooperation in future.

Thank you very much.

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Assalamualaikum and Warmest Greetings.

It gives me an enormous pleasure, on behalf of the organizing committee to welcome all participants and presenters to the Virtual -Melaka International Intellectual Exposition 2022 (VMIIEX '22) with the theme "Road to Commercialisation". We are honoured and glad to welcome all participants to this biennial event.

This is the second time that we have organized this biennial event virtually. V-MIIEEX 22 is an innovation competition, in which, innovation products, ideas and systems related to various science and technological fields are exhibited as a solution for the presented problems.

V-MIIEEX22 expectantly will be a platform that gathers experts from academies, scientists, and researchers, locally and internationally, to contribute towards the growth of scientific and technological knowledge in each participant's specialisation and expertise.

The competition also serves as a platform to give fresh exposure to the various level of inventors, as well as to encourage the culture of innovation design focused on latest technologies and related to new norms technologies and inventions due to COVID-19.

V-MIIEEX 22 is also hoped to be an avenue for gathering and disseminating the latest knowledge on ideas and acquisition of innovation among the participants. It is hoped that the competition will be able to open the mind of the participants towards latest technologies and design. It is also in line with the government's aspiration to encourage innovation activities in Malaysia.

As a final note, I would like to congratulate my fellow committee members for their tremendous effort, which have been critical to the event's success. In addition, I would like to thank our co-organizer, event sponsors and supporters. Optimistically, we wish that all new knowledge that is discovered, invented, or innovated will drive towards our future sustainability.

Thank you.

# ABOUT V-MIIEEX

The world after COVID-19 is unlikely to return to the world that was. Despite the challenging pace during the pandemic, the strong rebound is expecting in this exciting year 2022. Malaysia is welcoming the great prospects ahead with positive impact on the country's economy and development. Hence, the hope for greater opportunities motivates for more creative thinkers to come up with innovative ideas that can be put forward to be harnessed to overcome similar problems in the future. V-MIIEEx 2022 is one of these platforms which contribute relevant ideas that could help communities of all walks of life cope with this pandemic.

UiTM has identified research, innovation, and commercialization to be among the core components and strategic effort towards becoming a well-known and prominent university. Aside from realizing this goal, with these components and efforts, fostering the development of knowledge, generating financial stability of the university, and producing knowledgeable academicians are also potentially achievable.

By having invention and innovation competition yearly, UiTM Cawangan Melaka is confident that it could further enhance creative and innovative abilities among staff and students. In support of the government notion which upholds the importance of innovation, UiTM Cawangan Melaka has taken the initiative of organising the Virtual Melaka International Intellectual Exposition (V-MIIEEx).

In instigating and nurturing the continuous culture of inventing and innovating, this event is an ideal platform for lecturers, administrative staff, students, and the public to showcase and commercialize their products or prototypes as well as novel ideas. The first IID which was held nationally in UiTM Cawangan Melaka in 2009, has successfully gathered and displayed more than 37 inventions and innovations. Accordingly, to continue this strong passion towards inventing and innovating, the IID competition should be continued and celebrated.

With that, the Division of Research and Industrial Linkages will be organising its 12th IID competition, the Virtual - Melaka International Intellectual Exposition (V-MIIEEx 2022) with the theme, 'Road To Commercialisation'. V-MIIEEx 2022 hopes to welcome 200 competing products to be showcased and commercialized, at the same time, attract attention of related and matching industry.

## Objectives

1. Encourage and instill passion towards inventing and innovating among UiTM Cawangan Melaka staff, students and academicians of local and international higher education institutions;
2. Highlight distinguished talents of skillful inventors and exhibit intellectual products, inventions and innovations among local and private tertiary institutions, government and private agencies, including international participants;
3. Become an effective Business Matching platform for participating research products, matching industries and partnering government agencies;
4. Recognise, inspire and promote invention and innovation products to be patented and commercialized;
5. Increase passion towards inventing and innovating through research and boost interests of government and non-government agencies to obtain consultancy services from a line up experts of higher education institutions and UiTM Cawangan Melaka.

# Awapuhi – A Pine Cone Ginger Extract

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## Abstract

*Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Smith or locally known as “lempoyang” and pine cone ginger in Malaysia has been extensively studied particularly in pharmacological field because of its tremendous medicinal benefits. However, little knowledge is available on the cultivation science which lead to varying rhizome yield depending on practices. The maintenance practice of pine cone ginger is rather expensive to produce high quality raw material. Therefore, based on the preliminary study, the optimum fertilizer formulation which significantly increased the yield with high quality of phytochemical properties is NPK 60:70:0. The objective of this invention idea is to formulate a nutraceutical product namely “Awapuhi – A Pine Cone Ginger Extract”. This invention idea is developed with low cost production but high yield extract potential. This invention will help small scale growers to increase their raw material (rhizome yield) production in the form of the biomass and phytochemical quality. On the other hand, the small-scale business owners who are in the nutraceutical and functional food industries will get benefit by selling high value products based on the pine cone ginger extracts. This product invention is expected to increase the amount of raw materials in the market aligned with the current National Agrofood Policy 2021-2030 where herbal plants have been listed as one of the High Value Commodities (HVC). Therefore, this invention idea will help to tremendously increase the market supply by using the recommended fertilization requirements specifically for pine cone ginger.

Keywords: Awapuhi, fertilizer, phytochemical properties, zerumbone, *Zingiber zerumbet* extract

## 1. INTRODUCTION

*Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Smith is commonly known as a wild ginger or pine cone ginger which has been cultivated for its medicinal properties in Asian and Arabic traditions since earlier times (Singh et al., 2012; Yob et al., 2011). Unlike the common ginger, pine cone ginger is not commercially produced but traditionally grown in home gardens for family use. Therefore, any trading values for this species are minimal. However, due to recent advancements in biotechnology, scientists are aware of its high medicinal values and starting to grow it using tissue culture’s micropropagation technique. Nitrogen (N) and potassium (K) are important macronutrients needed by plants, which insufficient amounts may affect overall growth and subsequent yield production. The studies on phytomedicines and pharmacological values of *Z. zerumbet* has increased considerably in recent years, there is a need to establish the relationship of these nutrients especially N and K in relation to overall growth and economic yield either in the form of rhizome biomass production or bioactive compound. Pine cone ginger rhizome contains phytochemical compounds that shows potential pharmacological properties such as anti-inflammatory, anti-nociceptive, anti-pyretic, hepatoprotective, anti-allergic, anti-oxidant, anti-tumour, anti-proliferative and anti-microbial activities (Zakaria et al., 2011). To date,

research on agronomic inputs or practices in relation to any phytochemical content is still lacking. Furthermore, the availability of the raw materials with high value phytochemical properties is still lacking in the market which leads to insufficient nutraceutical and functional food products range. Thus, the Awapuhi – A Pine Cone Ginger Extract invention is proposed to tackle the demand from customers on these products line. Hence, an attempt was made to generate information on relevant inputs and agronomic practices that enhance overall growth and subsequent increase in rhizome and phytochemical compound yield.

## **2. OBJECTIVE**

The main objective of this invention idea is to formulate a nutraceutical product namely “Awapuhi – A Pine Cone Ginger Extract”. This product will be based on the preliminary study we had conducted to find the optimum fertilizer ratio which able to increase the production of phytochemical content as well as the biomass.

## **3. NOVELTY & INVENTIVENESS**

Awapuhi – A Pine Cone Ginger Extract is developed with low cost production but high yield extract potential. This invention will help small scale growers to increase their raw material (rhizome yield) production in the form of the biomass and phytochemical quality. On the other hand, the small-scale business owners who are in the nutraceutical and functional food industries will get benefit by selling high value products based on the pine cone ginger extracts.

## **4. PRACTICALITY & USEFULNESS**

This product invention is expected to increase the amount of raw materials in the market aligned with the current National Agrofood Policy 2021-2030 where herbal plants have been listed as one of the High Value Commodities (HVC). Therefore, this invention idea will help to tremendously increase the market supply by using the recommended fertilization requirements specifically for pine cone ginger.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

Based on the preliminary studies conducted, it was concluded that NPK 60:70:0 gave the highest amount of major phytochemical yield compared to the other treatments. Hence, the Awapuhi – A Pine Cone Ginger Extract will contain high quality phytochemical properties after being grown by using the optimum fertilization formulation. This will ensure that the supply of raw materials in the market to increase tremendously. Furthermore, the availability of the raw materials with high value phytochemical properties is still lacking in the market which leads to insufficient nutraceutical and functional food products range. Thus, the Awapuhi – A Pine Cone Ginger Extract invention is proposed to tackle the demand from customers on these products line.

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