

**INTERNATIONAL PEPPER COMMUNITY**  
**REPORT OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> PEPPEREXIM MEETING**  
**(Meeting of Pepper Exporters and Importers)**  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Lombok Island, Indonesia

**Introduction**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Pepper Exporters and Importers (Pepperexim Meeting) was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Senggigi Beach Resort, Lombok Island, Indonesia. The meeting hosted by the Government of Indonesia, was organized jointly by the Ministry of Trade and International Pepper Community, and was attended by officials and trade representative from the IPC member countries, other pepper producing countries and representatives from trade associations of the major consuming countries.

The list of delegates is given as *Annex 1*

**1. Welcome Address by Executive Director of IPC**

The Executive Director welcomed all the delegates to the Meeting.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

The Meeting adopted the agenda which is given in *Annex 02*

**3. Election of Chairman, Co-Chairman/Vice-Chairman, and members of Drafting Committee**

Mr. Edward of Indonesia was unanimously elected as Chairman and Mr. Sarada de Silva of Sri Lanka as Vice-Chairman of the Meeting respectively. The Vice Chairman will be the Chairman of Drafting Committee which consists of the following members:

Mr. Teodoro Nagano of Brazil  
Mr. Suresh Kumar of India  
Mrs. Humala Radjawidjaya of Indonesia  
Mr. Grunsin Ayom of Malaysia  
Mr. W.D.L. Gunaratne of Sri Lanka  
Mr. Tran van Cong of Vietnam

**4. Review of the progress on recommendations of the 18th Pepperexim Meeting**

The meeting took note of the action sheet presented by the Executive Director. The action sheet is given in *Annex 03*.

**5. Presentation of the report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee on Quality by Chairperson of the Meeting**

Mr. WDL Gunaratne the Vice Chairman of the Meeting of IPC Committee on Quality presented the report. The meeting took note of the report which is given in *Annex 04*.

**6. Presentation of the report of 42<sup>nd</sup> Pepper Exporters Meeting on the outcome and the world Pepper Scenario covering pepper production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and carry over stock (actual for 2010, estimate for 2011 and projection for 2012).**

The report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Pepper Exporters Meeting along with the adopted aggregated statement on world pepper production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and carry over stock for 2010, estimate for 2011 and projection for 2012 was presented by Mr. S. Kannan, Executive Director of IPC.

The meeting took note of the report and adopted the consolidated statement as given in *Annex 05*.

**7. Discussion on the proposal “Sustaining developmental programmes to establish stability in the pepper supply, quality and price and raising incomes of Poor Rural Communities”.**

The Executive Director briefed the Meeting the objective of having the realistic estimates on the consumption and growth rate for evaluating the production requirements and also advise the producing countries on the extent of land required to be under pepper cultivation.

After a detailed discussion the Meeting considered and approved the proposal. Mr. T. Vidyasagar of India suggested IPC that while sending the proposal to the UN agencies, authenticity and reliability of the data should be ensured.

The proposal is given in *Annex 06*.

**8. Presentation by the representatives of other producing countries and spice trade associations in the major consuming countries on the current status of the pepper trade**

Mr. Hiroshi Kobayashi of the All Nippon Spice Association (ANSA) Japan presented a paper on the latest updates on the markets and legislation of pepper and other spices in Japan. His paper is given in *Annex 07*.

Mr. Al Goetze of McCormick Inc, USA, has explained the food safety concern and the need for focusing on major issues relating to production development and sustainability. He further mentioned that intercropping of pepper with other cash crops like coffee, etc may be encouraged.

Mrs. Meriam K Idris of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Nigeria informed that the Government of Nigeria is very keen to become a member of the International Pepper Community. She added that due to the changes in the government, the process of submitting the application to IPC has been delayed. She requested that an IPC delegation may visit Nigeria to meet and discuss with the concerned Minister for expediting the filing of the application.

**9. Presentation of a paper on “Black Pepper Futures Contract” by Singapore Mercantile Exchange (SMX)**

Mr. Souman Mahanty of Singapore Mercantile Exchange presented a paper on Black Pepper Futures Contract.

The Meeting opined that the forward trading can be successful if intervention from the Government is minimum, the volume of trade is higher and the traceability and reliability of the data on production and consumption estimates should be closer to the reality.

While confirming the arrangement for the above suggestions, Mr. Souman also mentioned that delivery arrangements for the current proposed contract which would be at location closer to Ho Chi Minh City and will also be extended to other location in Indonesia and Malaysia soon.

The paper of SMX along with the proposed specification of the contract is given in *Annex 08*.

**10. Discussion on the provisional agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Pepperexim**

It was agreed that the member countries will suggest the agenda items to be included in the agenda of next meeting in due course.

**11. Discussion on the date and venue for the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Pepperexim**

Mr. Sarada de Silva Vice Chairman of the Pepperexim Meeting of Sri Lanka announced that the next Pepperexim Meeting will be hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka along with the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of IPC in Sri Lanka. The venue and dates of the Meeting will be informed to IPC at the later date.

**12. Other matters**

Mr. Sarada de Silva mentioned that IPC Secretariat may consider developing a unique logo as well as slogan for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPC.

Mr. George Tan, of Singapore has asked the Vietnam to explain the new notification regarding regulation in respect of the food safety control restriction for importing food products into Vietnam as per the Circular no. 13 / 2011.

While responding to the enquiry raised by Mr. George, Mr. Tran Van Cong, the Head of Delegates from Vietnam requested Mr. George Tan to write directly to him for details. It was also agreed that IPC may collect the relevant details and procedures for circulating the new regulations for dissemination among the exporters in the IPC member countries.

Representative of India also expressed their concern over the Circular No. 13/2011 set by Vietnam and requested Vietnam to share a copy of this new regulation.

**13. Consideration and adoption of report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Pepperexim**

The Report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Pepperexim Meeting was adopted on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**14. Vote of Thanks**

Mr. Edward, Chairman of the Pepperexim Meeting thanked all the participants and trade associations for their presentation and active participation. The positive response of Nigeria was appreciated and assured the required follow up by the IPC Secretariat. The delegates has also been requested to extend their stay to enjoy the beauty of Senggigi Beach in the island of Lombok.

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