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In this update, we bring you the most recent developments in durian-related news, both in Malaysia and internationally. The main headline in this month's newsletter highlights the increasing superiority of Malaysian produced durian on the global stage.

In a startling revelation from Japan earlier this month, authorities declared the disposal of 1,400 kilograms of durian fruit imported from Vietnam due to health risks posed to consumers. The Vietnamese-grown durian fruit was found to contain three times the acceptable level of chemicals. While Vietnamese officials argue that surpassing Japanese standards doesn't necessarily harm Vietnamese consumers, the stark reality is that countries attempting to match Malaysian quality are facing significant challenges. Consequently, the resulting fruits not only lack in quality and differ in taste but also present potential health risks.

Countries like China and Vietnam are working to produce high-quality durian, including varieties like Musang King. However, due to inferior soil and climatic conditions, this proves challenging, leading them to rely on heavy chemical usage. In contrast, Musang King in Malaysia thrives in its natural habitat, benefiting from the rich soil and ideal climate.

We wish you a pleasant month ahead and a joyful festive season during the holiday period. Happy Holidays!

Best Regards,
Durian Projects Group



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Japan destroys 1,400 KG of Vietnamese durians due to health risk

Japanese quarantine authorities have destroyed 1,400 kilograms of durian fruit imported from Vietnam due to health risks. The Vietnamese durians were found to contain three times the acceptable level of procymidone pesticides, a clear violation of Japan's stringent quality standards. This highlights the notable difference in pesticide use between Vietnam and Malaysia, with the former resorting to higher levels due to inferior growing conditions.

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Police in Singapore investigating 20 boxes of stolen Musang King

The Singaporean police are currently investigating the theft of 20 boxes of Musang King durian fruit. A viral video, posted on social media this month, captured a thief on a personal mobility device surveying the store before returning to steal the boxes in broad daylight. Ongoing police investigations into this incident align with previous cases of durian theft in Singapore, which have resulted in jail time for perpetrators.

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White cockatoo birds in Australia are fascinated with durian fruit

Australia's largest durian farm, situated near Darwin in the Northern Territory, is facing a unique challenge as it comes under attack from white cockatoo birds. In a surprising twist, these birds exhibit a remarkable sense of taste, showing a particular obsession with the farm's most expensive durian varieties. Armed with powerful, steel-like beaks, the cockatoos skillfully breach the durian fruits' tough, spiky exterior to savour the delectable and creamy flesh inside.

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Malaysia has attracted RM225 billion investments so far, beating its target

In the first nine months of 2023, Malaysia has garnered RM225 billion in approved investments, marking a notable 6.6% increase from the previous year and surpassing its annual target, as reported by the Malaysia Investment Development Agency (MIDA). This achievement is the highest in over a decade. Foreign investment holds a significant share at 55.9%, with major contributors hailing from the Netherlands, Singapore, the US, China, and Japan.

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