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Subject: Publication of "The Mango Tree Encyclopedia" by Government of Oman

Dear Director General,

Today, Omani Foreign Office vide Note No. 9800-570000-15890-2020 dated July 20, 2020 (copy enclosed) forwarded three set of Mango Encyclopedia entitled "The Mango Tree Encyclopedia" gifted by Sultan of Oman.

2. The host authorities have conveyed that complete set of Encyclopedia is a gift from His Majesty Sultan of Oman to National Agriculture Research Center, Islamabad which can be utilized by the faculty, researchers, students etc. for their studies on national fruit of Pakistan.

3. On the instructions of late Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said, Omani Government published this Encyclopedia The Mango Tree Encyclopedia 'Al-Anba' which is first publication of its kind and will serve a comprehensive reference work on wide range of research and specialized studies on the Mango Tree in the Sultanate of Oman and worldwide. Mango fruit, known in Oman as 'Al-Anba', is one of the most important commercial fruit and is most popular fruit in the tropics. This encyclopedia represents impressive cooperation between researchers and experts. It's compilation highlights the innovative collaboration between many scientific institutions and academics from number of countries, which is published in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

4. The Encyclopedia comprises five volumes. Main features of each volume are as follow:

Volume-1: Mango Production in the Sultanate of Oman: It deals with the cultivation of the mango in the Sultanate of Oman and includes a history of the mango, its geographical distribution, the methods of its cultivation, its production and economic importance, and the pests, diseases, and other factors that influence its growth and production, as well as a description of Omani and imported mango cultivars that are grown in the Sultanate, and the study of their genetic diversity through DNA analyses.

Volume-2: Mango Production and Utilization: Deals with the cultivation of the mango and its uses, has been prepared as a specialist

scientific collaboration among mango scientists and researchers from various countries. It includes a history of the mango, and description of its geographical distribution and cultivation practices around the world, together with related statistics and information, and discussion of the economic importance of this fruit.

Volume-3: Mango Pests and Diseases: Deals with the pests and diseases which affect mango trees worldwide and the ways to combat them; it has been prepared in collaboration with scientists from around the world who specializes in these fields of study.

Volume-4: Mango Production around the World: Deals with mango production, and includes relevant data and statistics, such as the areas planted with the mango, its cultivation practices, its economic importance and geographic distribution, and other important agricultural information, which was collated by authors from the mango-producing countries of the world.

Volume-5: Mango Variety around the World: Contains thorough and comprehensive descriptions of the mango cultivars in the countries that are part of the encyclopedia, complete with illustrations.

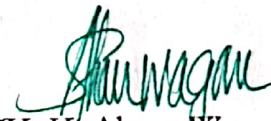
5. Chapter on Pakistan has been contributed by Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, former Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University, Faisalabad and Prof. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, then Professor Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

6. The Mango Tree Encyclopedia will provide a detailed scientific discussion of the mango production, postharvest handling, pests and diseases, different varieties produced world over and its marketing. I hope that your esteemed University and researchers will greatly benefit from this encyclopedia.

7. The original encyclopedia consisting five volumes approximately weighing 30 KGs will be sent through PIA's flight on the sector Muscat – Islamabad. Flight details will be conveyed separately. Kindly arrange collection upon its arrival.

With Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely



(K. K. Ahsan Wagan)
Ambassador

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