

# Fruits 'soiled' if grown elsewhere, says expert

**PETALING JAYA:** The taste of durians is different according to locality as soil plays an important factor.

Universiti Putra Malaysia deputy vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Fauzi Ramlan said any type of durian, when planted elsewhere, will not produce flesh with the same texture and taste.

"Take Chokanan mangoes for example. Although of the same variety, the fruits from northern states are sweet, while those from the south have a more sour taste.

"Similarly, planting a durian seed from Pahang's Musang King variety in another state will not produce the same type of durian as the ones harvested in the place of origin," he said, adding that locality did not just determine if a durian was the real thing, but if the taste promised would be the same.

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