

# Editor's Note

Dear readers,

In September - October 2019 edition, we bring to our readers an exclusive report on dates. After the imposition of 200% duties by India on Pakistan's dates exports during recent escalation of tensions, the latter is shifting towards Sri Lanka for dry date exports.

Gulfood Manufacturing, the largest food, and beverage processing and packaging show in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, is lifting the lid on the reinvention of food production in its sixth edition from October 29-31 at Dubai World Trade Centre.

A three-day international exhibition of food and beverage processing and packaging, IFTECH Pakistan and International exhibition of plastics, printing, PLASTI & PACK was held from August 27 to 29, 2019, at the Karachi Expo Centre. The two concurrent shows are considered to be one of the biggest annual gathering of plastics packaging and food technology industry suppliers, experts, professionals and businesses associates.

Attendance was inevitably impacted somewhat by recent unrest in Hong Kong, but visitor numbers exceeded expectations, reaching 90 per cent of 2018 levels. More than 12,000 trade professionals from all over the world made the most of the opportunities to meet and do business with over 800 exhibitors from more than 40 countries at ASIA FRUIT LOGISTICA, which took place on 4-6 September 2019 at AsiaWorld-Expo.

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