

## First batch of Philippine durian weighing 28k kg shipped to China

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The first batch of Philippine durian shipped to the People's Republic of China from the Davao International Airport.

The 28-ton durian cargo, which approximately weighs 28,000 kilograms, was sourced from producers and processors in Mindanao, particularly in Region XI, that passed the stringent requirements of the General Administration Customs of China (GACC).

Prior to the first batch of export, the GACC released the list of qualified facilities and farms that received the green signal from the Chinese government. This consists of five packaging facilities and 58 durian farms.

Following the signing of the "Protocol of the Phytosanitary Requirements for Export of Fresh Durian from the Philippines to China" on January 4, the Philippine government, through the Department of Agriculture (DA), has commenced the preparatory measures including the extension of support to durian growers and processors that enabled them to meet the protocol requirements.

The DA's Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) also assisted in the accreditation and PhilGAP certification of the industry players.

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Another shipment of 28 tons was sent off via airfreight, while 10 container vans loaded with a total of 7.2 tons were transported via sea vessel.

The DA continues to provide assistance to durian growers including logistical and financial support under the Enhanced KADIWA Grant.