

ROSS KOPI

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To whom it may concern

I first met Matthew Ross in September 2013 whilst visiting a small, independent coffee roaster Basero, Belgium because it sourced Indonesian Arabica coffee.

That day I learned about Matthew and what he had achieved in Indonesia so far with Kopi Luwak. Since that meeting, Matthew was and always has been completely transparent in his dealings with us about how he and his farmer colleagues in the mountain of Gayo, Aceh, Indonesia make his Kopi Luwak.

Following this meeting, myself and the embassy stayed in contact with Matthew and began to communicate on the issues surrounding Kopi Luwak at that time. Matthew has contributed his thoughts and experience with us in the development of national certification and guidelines of Luwak coffee in order to help safeguard the reputation of wild kopi luwak and the livelihoods of the many Indonesian people, especially farmers, that depend on it.

Myself and Mr Ross have worked closely on all aspects of Kopi Luwak production and how we can create a sustainable wild kopi Luwak for the future. We regard Mr Ross to be the leading expert in his field of Kopi Luwak production, for this reason we invited him to be a keynote speaker at the IICS 2014 on the subject.

While the national certification of Kopi Luwak is in the process, I would like to state that I trust Mr Ross and his company Ross Kopi only create true, authentic, wild kopi Luwak which can be traceable to which area of Gayo Mountain in Aceh the coffee is planted and by which farmers, namely:

Mr. Zainun of Rusip Antara village, Gayo, Aceh, Post Code 24562

Mr. Kendri Mateus Sirait of Atu Lintang village, Gayo, Aceh, Post Code 24563

Mr. Sabirin Syah of Bukit village, Gayo, Aceh, Post Code 24581

Best Regards,



Arif Havas Oegroseno

Indonesian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, and the EU (2010 – 2015)