# Fermented Plant Juice (FPJ)

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 A fermented extract of the plants.
 Helps crops to absorb nutrients directly for growing healthy and enabling their potentiality.

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# 1. Origin of FPJ

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The 'KIMCHI' soup



# 2. Principles of FPJ

### The process of fermentation

#### 1) The recognition of ' 'each other'

- (translator's note: between microbes and ingredients)
- 2) Harmony

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- 3) Fermentation
- 4) Affection (stabilization)
- 5) Producing Natural Farming materials.

fill up 2/3 of the jar with materials, and leave 1/3 of the space for that 3 vitality forces (water, air, and heat)

# 3. What to collect

- (1) Plants with energy
- (2) Fast-growing and vigorous plants
- (3) Materials should be in season
- (4) FPJ from the same crop



# 4. Characteristics of each material

# Mugwort (Artemisiaprinceps)

- Snap the tender parts which contain the growing point.
- Pick parts wet with dew.
- The amount of extracted juice is slightly different depending on the seasons (spring>fall> summer).
- Avoid yellowish growth points.
- In general, mugwort produces little juice.



# Dropwort (Oenanthejavanica)

- FPJ is more effective when created from dropwort that are harvested from the winter to May.
- Spring is the best season for making dropwort FPJ.
- Cut dropwort in pieces of about 2in in length.
- Dropwort has plenty of juice, which accelerates the process of fermentation.
- Because dropwort produces a lot of juice, add more brown sugar when keeping dropwort FPJ in storage.



#### Bamboo shoot (Phyllostachys spp)

- Pick thick and short shoots.
- Cut shoots into small pieces without peeling off skin
   (Do peel off the skin, when it becomes brownish)
- Ferments fast due to the plentiful juice. (About 5 days)
- When bamboo shoots are soaked too long, white molds may occur due to the abnormally fast fermentation



### Arrowroot or kudzu vine (Pueraria lobata)

- Pick about 5.9in–long vines which sprout newly in the spring.
- In the summer, collect the soft part of the vine and the lightcolored leaves from the upper part of the vine.
- Ferments fast due to the plentiful juice. (About 5 days)
- When bamboo shoots are soaked too long, white molds may occur through the abnormally fast fermentation.

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### Fruit of the cedar (Cryptomeria japonica)

Cedar is often used as windbreakers in 'Jeju Island' (translator's note: the biggest island in Korea).
A flow of sap oozes out from the

tree in the end of June. This is the time optimal time for harvesting its fruits.

 Cedar has 'chi', so when a small amount of the FPJ made from the cedar is mixed with other FPJs, it will become a very effective reinforcing agent.





# Fruit of the chocolate vine (five-leave Akebia)(Akebiaquinata)

- Pick immature fruits of the chocolate vine in September It is good to collect when the fruit is immature, because matured fruits only have a small amount of juice.
- Fruits from the chocolate vine entwining a lacquer tree (*Toxicodendron vernicifluum*) are even better.



#### Seaweeds

- Effective for a plant's growth.
- Reinforces the color of fruit.
- Use a light stone weight to press down on brown seaweed (*Undaria pinnatifida*), because the juice of brown seaweed can be extracted faster than others.

# Ripe fruits with no commercial value

- FPJ of ripe fruits is called fruit enzyme
- Divide a fruit into four parts (don't use as a whole)
- It is good to use FPJ which has matured for
   1 year. Apply this FPJ to the plant in its late
   reproductive period

# Flower of the false acacia (black locust) (*Robiniapseudo acacia*)

- The best time for collecting flowers is when they begin to bloom, just before bees visit to pick honey.
- Use the same amount of brown sugar as the amount of flowers, because they have a lot of moisture.
- Flowers which smell strong are more effective.



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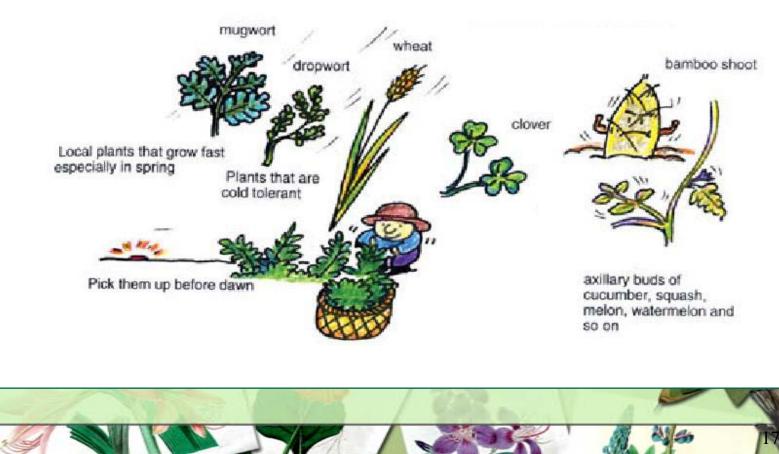
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 Use thinned-out fruit (young fruit) and the auxiliary bud of general crops

# 5. When to collect materials

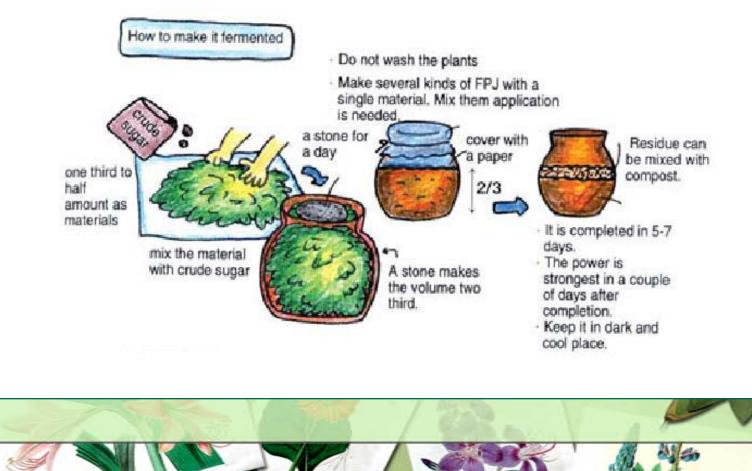
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(1) Just before sunrise
 (2) Quickly snap the growing points
 (3) Special attention



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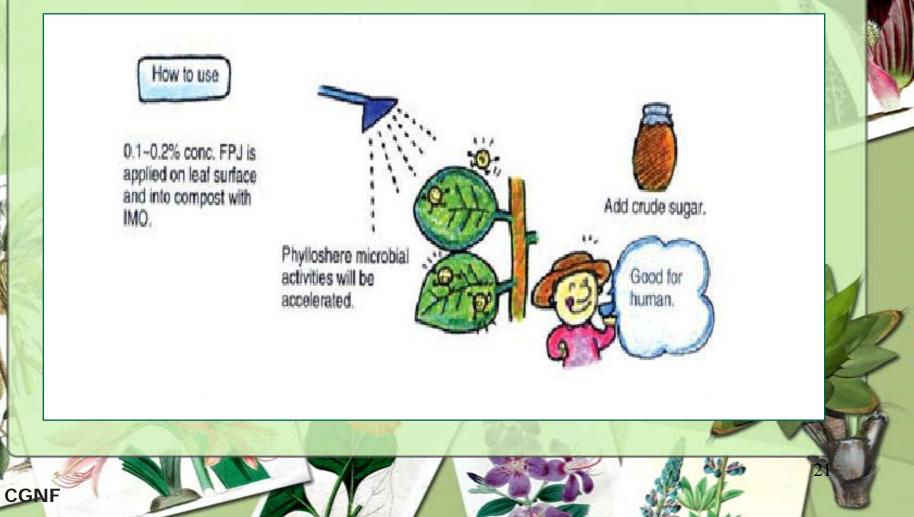
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- 1. Prepare ingredient with dew on it
- 2. If the ingredient is an irregular size, cut it into about 2in size.
- 3. The ingredient with brown sugar in a 1:1 ratio (weight)
- 4. Fill the jar with enough brown sugar to cover the top
- 5. Fermentation process

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6. After fermentation is completed, surely filtering it for preserve.

## 7. How to use FPJ



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