**Main characteristics/features**

The Bang Khun Thian lychee (Lin Chee Bang Khun Thian) covers all the local types of lychee including the Ka Lok long-leaf and Ka Lok Bai varieties. It has the following characteristics: it is medium-sized and heart-shaped with a low shoulder; it has a red to dark red skin with sharp, short thorns; it has a dry, sweet, non-astringent flesh.

**Geographical area**

Bang Khun Thian lychees are grown in the Chom Thong and Rat Burana districts of Bangkok.

**Production/processing**

In the past, the Bang Khun Thian area was also included in the Thong and Rat Burana districts of Bangkok. The Thonburi soil type in this area contains high levels of potassium and phosphorus. The area has a low level of underground water. During rainy season, fresh water from the north runs through the area and washes the salty sea water back into the sea. In the summer, the fresh water flow stops and salt water from the sea rises up into the canals and plantation areas. This phenomenon is called ‘Luck Jued Luck Khem’. Together with stable daytime and nighttime temperatures, these factors give the Bang Khun Thian lychee its unique taste.