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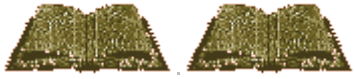
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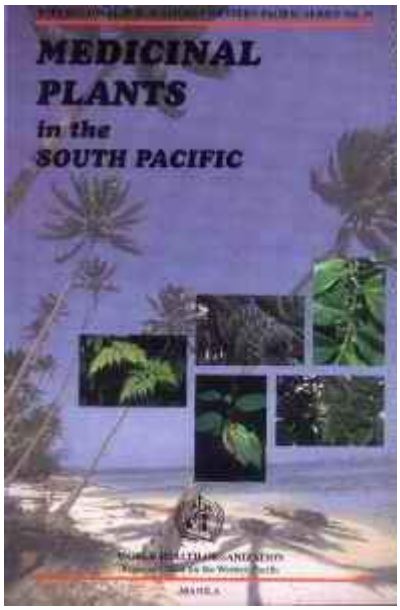
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As mentioned in our last page this time we sent four picture books on medicinal plants (Published by World Health Organization) for review to two well known experts. The books were (i) Medicinal Plants in China, (ii)Medicinal Plants in Vietnam, (iii)Medicinal Plants in the Republic of Korea and (iv) Medicinal Plants in the South Pacific. The two experts selected were (i) Dr. Gyan Fernando of UK and (ii) Dr Vijay Vasudev Pillay of India. Both of them are leading lights in their subjects and are widely respected all over the world.

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While Dr. Pillay incorporated his opinions on all four books in a single review, Dr. Fernando obliged us with three different pieces, one reviewing "Medicinal Plants in China", the second reviewing "Medicinal Plants in Vietnam" and "Medicinal Plants in the Republic of Korea" together and the third reviewing "Medicinal Plants in the South Pacific".

The reviewers were not only requested to send us detailed reviews, but were asked to rate these books on a scale of ten. The following rating scale was provided to the reviewers.

0: Waste of time
1: Of minimal interest
2: Of little interest
3: Of some interest
4: Slightly below average
5: Average
6: Slightly above average
7: Good
8: Very Good
9: Excellent
10: Truly Outstanding

We ran the reviews of "Medicinal Plants in China" - with ratings on page 2 and of next two books "Medicinal Plants in Vietnam" and "Medicinal Plants in the Republic of Korea" on page 3.

Here is the review of final and fourth book "Medicinal Plants in the South Pacific".

Review 1 by Gyan Fernando, UK

Review 2 by V.V.Pillay, India

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