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榴槤 is a fruit that can grow to more than 20 kilograms in weight. 榴槤 is called jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*) in English, a name taken from Malayalam by the Portuguese. The jackfruit has a pungent smell, much like that of the durian. If you have tasted it before, you might like it too.

This fruit can be eaten raw or cooked. It is also a relative of the breadfruit.

You can go to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackfruit> for more info and some pictures.

榴槤 is also a Buddhist term in Chinese and the term is from *paramita* in Sanskrit. Paramita basically means perfection. So you can see that the Ancient Chinese placed a high value on this fruit.

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