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HUAWEI'S new P10 and P10 Plus smartphones continue the Leica partnership which the company started with the P9 and P9 Plus last year.

With the P10 and P10 Plus, however, Huawei have gone a step further – it's not just the rear cameras that are Leica branded, but now the 8-megapixel/f1.9 camera on the front has also gone "full Leica", so to speak. The company is also maintaining its dual-camera system – the 12-megapixel colour sensor on the back is coupled with a 20-megapixel monochrome one.

The two cameras work together to produce a 12-megapixel colour image – the monochrome sensor provides support for high quality monochrome images or allows the smartphones to sense depth for applying artificial Bokeh effects.

While the P10 and P10 Plus cameras are identical internally, the P10 Plus has a Leica Summilux H branded lens which gives it a light edge in image quality.

There are other hardware differences between the P10 Plus and P10 as well.

The P10 Plus runs on the Kirin 960 2.4GHz octa-core processor, comes with 6GB RAM, 28GB storage, microSD card slot, 3,750mAh battery and has a 5.5in (2560 x 1440 pixels) display.

The P10 runs on the same Kirin 960 processor but has 4GB RAM, 64GB storage, microSD slot, 3,200mAh battery and 5.1in

The whole 10 yards

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Huawei gives all its cameras the Leica treatment.



The Huawei P10 features Leica-branded dual cameras on the back and front.

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and Dazzling Blue – which the company worked with the Pantone Color Institute to produce.

According to Matthew Ng, deputy country director of the business group of Huawei Technologies Malaysia, the Greenery and Dazzling Blue colours are expected to only hit our market in May or June.

For the more budget conscious, there is the P10 Lite which comes with a Kirin 655 2.1GHz processor, 4GB RAM, 32GB storage, microSD slot, 3,000mAh battery and 5.2in (1,920 x 1,080 pixels) display.

The P10 Lite does not have the dual camera system and Leica branding of its high-end siblings and instead comes with a 12-megapixel rear camera and an 8-megapixel front-facing camera.

The P10 Plus is priced at RM3,099, P10 at RM2,499 and P10 Lite at RM1,299 with all models available in Prestige Gold or Graphite Black.

Pre-order starts from March 23 at Huawei Experience Stores, Lazada and Vmall – the P10 and P10 Lite will be available starting from March 31 while the P10 Plus will only make it to our shores on April 15.

that reflects light in different ways depending on the angle.

Huawei is also offering up a couple of new colours for the P10 and P10 Plus – Greenery

(1,920 x 1,080 pixels) display. Aesthetically, the P10 and P10 Plus feature a new Hyper Diamond Cut finish on the back which gives the phone a fine textured finish