Xingda National Agricultural Center and APAARI signed a cooperation to establish Taiwan's first value chain center of excellence

The National Agricultural Center of the National Chung Hsing University and the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) formally signed the APAARI Value Chain Center of Excellence Cooperation Agreement on June 27, by Huang Shaoyi, Director of Xingda National Agricultural Center. APAARI Executive Secretary General Ravi Khetarpal signed the contract, and Xingda has also become a research unit that has signed a value center of excellence with the alliance, working together to promote the development and innovation of Asia-Pacific agriculture.

The Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions is an important agricultural organization in the Asia-Pacific region. It currently has 19 member states and is one of the important international organizations involved in our country. The organization was established in 1990 by the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO-RAP), which is expected to establish five Center of Excellence (COE) sponsored by member organizations in the Pan Pacific region by 2030.

The value chain excellence center jointly established by APAARI and ZTE International Agriculture Center is the first value chain center of excellence established by APAARI in Taiwan. It is established to enhance the specific target country value chain, ecosystem, agriculture and rural development. Knowledge and expect to achieve three visions: (1) Enhance the educational and research capabilities of both parties in environmental ecosystems, agriculture, and rural development; (2) Develop collaborative projects and promote long-term cooperation between Taiwan and Asia Pacific; (3) Promote knowledge capabilities in value chains, ecosystems, agriculture and rural development with other countries in the world.

The COA has actively pursued a new southward policy in recent years. Aviari Executive Secretary General Ravi Khetarpal visited Taiwan and was deeply impressed by the achievements of Xingda's internationally renowned agricultural research, which led to this cooperation. On December 17, 2018, APAARI Executive Secretary Ravi Khetarpal and the President of ZTE University Xue Fusheng signed a letter of intent for the establishment of the Value Chain Center of Excellence. This year, the cooperation agreement was officially signed.

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