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Korea and Brazil to promote bilateral cooperation for sustainable agriculture

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Hwang keun of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Korea had a bilateral meeting with Minister Carlos Henrique Baqueta FÃ¡varo of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil in Sejong discussed ways of cooperation in the food supply chain between the two countries and in smart agriculture.

Minister Chung highlighted its partnership with Brazil's stable grain export amid growing uncertainties over international grain supply due to climate change, COVID-19 and Russian aggression against Ukraine last year. Minister Chung asked for Brazil's cooperation so that agri-food exchange between the two countries can continue without export restrictions. Brazil is the 2nd largest importer of Korea's beans and corns.

In addition, Minister Chung explained the importance of transition into smart agriculture to promote sustainable agriculture in a situation where stable food production is under threat due to recent climate change and the aging rural population and asked for the exchange of information and cooperation regarding smart agriculture between the two countries.

Minister FÃ¡varo agreed to the importance of cooperation of the international community for food security and bilateral cooperation between Korea and Brazil in terms of innovation of agricultural technologies and wished a close exchange and cooperation between the quarantine authorities of the two countries to enable safe and stable agri-food trade in response to animal diseases.

Minister Chung explored interest and cooperation of Brazil to further accelerate export procedures of Korean strawberries to Brazil as a long term interest since 2017.