

## China and Austria deepens bilateral cooperation via agricultural trade, investment & food processing

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Vice Minister Ma Youxiang met with Johannes Fankhauser, Director General for agriculture and rural development of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management of The Republic of Austria, in Vienna. They exchanged views on deepening agricultural cooperation between China and Austria.

Vice Minister Ma said that under the strategic guidance of the leaders of both countries, China-Austria agricultural cooperation is stable and improving. The cooperation mechanisms have been continuously refined, agricultural trade has continued growing, and S&T cooperation has achieved fruitful results. The two countries have carried out a series of pioneering projects in organic agriculture. He noted that China stands ready to work with Austria to fully tap the potential in areas such as agricultural investment, processing of agricultural food products, and rural development to improve bilateral agricultural cooperation pragmatically.

Director General Fankhauser acknowledged the achievements of China-Austria cooperation in agriculture and rural development and agreed with Vice Minister Ma. He said Austria stands ready to advance pragmatic exchanges on issues of common concern to take bilateral agricultural cooperation to a new high.