

China and Berlin exchanged views on deepening Sino-German agricultural cooperation

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The Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China, Hang Zhili, met with Ophelia Nick, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister of Agriculture and Food, in Berlin to discuss the possibility of further intensifying Sino-German agricultural cooperation.

Deputy Minister Zhang noted that China and Germany's agricultural cooperation enjoys a long history, stable mechanisms, and many different activities. Sino-German agricultural relations have always been characterized by pragmatic cooperation.

Upon signing the Joint Declaration of Intent, he said, the two sides must develop pragmatic cooperative projects aimed at ecological agriculture and take action to develop rural areas, exchange young agricultural talent, and develop agricultural technology in an effective manner.

German State Secretary Nick and Vice Minister Zhang emphasized that Germany is pursuing deepening pragmatic agricultural cooperation between China and Germany, as well as conducting close exchanges with China on topics such as agro-trade and animal disease prevention and control.

A Joint Declaration of Intent between the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Federal Republic of Germany: A Joint Plan for Creating a Sustainable Future for the

Sino-German Innovation Partnership on Agricultural Ecology was signed between the two parties.

During the 17th Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference, Vice Minister Zhang attended. China has been focusing on green development and has increased the use of agricultural waste resources as well as biomass energy. Through collaboration with all parties, China hopes to strengthen policy dialogue, facilitate technology exchange, foster industrial cooperation, and promote biological agriculture, thereby contributing to the protection of global food security and the building of a community that shares a future. Nearly 80 agriculture ministers and deputy ministers, as well as senior representatives of international organizations, attended the conference

Recently, a China-Spanish meeting was held to discuss the Working Group on Agricultural Cooperation in Madrid, Spain, co-chaired by Vice Minister Zhang Zhili and Isabel Artime, both Secretaries General of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food of Spain. According to Vice Minister Zhang, China and Spain each have distinct agricultural sectors with complementary strengths, creating significant opportunities for bilateral cooperation in agriculture, technology, and fisheries. As part of advancing friendly agricultural relations between China and Spain, he emphasized that both countries should implement the consensus reached by their leaders, strengthen existing cooperation, and tap cooperation potential in rural development, smart agriculture, and feature industries.Â