

Vietnam seeks stronger agricultural ties with Germany amid global market push

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A delegation from Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE), led by Deputy Minister Tran Thanh Nam, is on a five-day working visit to Germany from May 14-18, aiming to deepen agricultural cooperation and explore new partnership opportunities.

During the visit, the delegation held meetings with several key German institutions, including the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Agribusiness Alliance (GAA), and the German Agricultural Society (DLG), as well as leaders in Thuringia and Hessen states.

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Deputy Minister Nam underscored the potential for collaboration in areas such as food safety, digital agriculture, vocational training, and mechanization. He called for stronger links between Vietnamese and German businesses through joint ventures, trade fairs, and supply chain partnerships. Nam also proposed the establishment of business groups based on value chains to

improve product quality and reduce logistics costs.

Vietnamese Ambassador Vu Quang Minh highlighted the strategic importance of strengthening agricultural and environmental ties in the face of global economic disruptions. He noted the complementarity of the two economies and the potential for enhanced resilience and trade growth.

Dr. Per Brodersen, Director of the GAA, noted that the cooperation between Vietnam and Germany has entered a new and promising phase, particularly in the agri-food sector.

The visit also included additional working sessions in Erfurt and Frankfurt, where the MAE signed six Memorandums of Understanding with the Erfurt Vocational Education and Training Centre, further expanding cooperation in agricultural education and training.