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# Vietnam and Uruguay cooperate to open agricultural markets

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VietnamÂ andÂ UruguayÂ shareÂ significantÂ potentialÂ forÂ collaborationÂ inÂ theÂ agriculturalÂ sector,Â particularlyÂ inÂ exportin valueÂ productsÂ andÂ advancingÂ researchÂ inÂ diseaseÂ preventionÂ andÂ control, says Deputy Minister Phung Duc Tien, Vietnam.

During her working visit to Vietnam on August 19, Ms. Valeria Csukasi, Uruguayâ??s Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, met with Mr. Phung Duc Tien, Vietnamâ??s Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Environment, to discuss ways of strengthening bilateral cooperation.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister Phung Duc Tien warmly welcomed Ms. Csukasi and the Uruguayan Ambassador to Vietnam, emphasizing Uruguayâ??s notable expertise in animal husbandry and dairy farming.Â

He highlighted Vietnamâ??s achievements in agriculture, particularly in agro-forestry-fishery exports, which reached USD 62.5 billion in 2024. The livestock sector has also expanded strongly, with an estimated output of 8.1 million tons of live-weight meat, including 1.2 million tons of fresh milk, alongside nearly 20 billion eggs. Vietnam also produced 21.5 million tons of industrial animal feed, reflecting a 3.4% growth. Given its needs, Vietnam is interested in importing feed ingredients from Mercosur countries to further support livestock development.

"Vietnam holds competitive advantages in processed pork, poultry, and chicken eggs, supported by disease-free production zones and advanced processing technologies. These strengths have enabled Vietnamese products to penetrate demanding markets such as Japan, China, and the EU. Other products like honey and dairy are also gaining strong international

recognition, and Vietnam expressed its hope to introduce them into Uruguay soon", Deputy Minister Tien said.

He also noted that many Vietnamese enterprises are eager to export to Uruguay and proposed that both sides work together to create favorable conditions for trade expansion, investment cooperation, scientific research, and animal disease prevention â?? areas of shared interest.

In response, Deputy Minister Valeria Csukasi praised Vietnamâ??s economic progress and agricultural growth, affirming that Vietnam will be an important partner for Uruguay and the wider Mercosur bloc. She expressed particular interest in Vietnamâ??s coffee â?? a globally recognized product with strong consumer demand â?? noting that it could serve as a catalyst to deepen agricultural trade relations.

She also acknowledged the potential for importing a diverse range of Vietnamese products into Uruguay and Mercosur, pledging to study the matter carefully.

Beyond the sphere of agriculture, I also hope that our two countries will seize the opportunity to broaden cooperation into a wide range of other economic sectors, thereby fostering a deeper, more comprehensive partnership and driving bilateral trade relations to new levels,â?• Deputy Minister Csukasi emphasized.

Ms. Csukasi expressed her hope that the outcomes of this visit would help elevate cooperative programs and projects to new heights, bringing about practical and sustainable results. Both delegations reaffirmed their confidence that the bilateral relationship will continue to strengthen, leading to meaningful agreements and concrete achievements in the years ahead.