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Vietnam prepares for agri-trade market expansion to build a strategic pillar of the economy

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Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh chaired the 2025 Dialogue Conference with Farmers under the theme â??Application of Science and Technology, Innovation, and Digital Transformation in Agriculture.â?

The conference was jointly organized by the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Farmersâ?? Union, the Government Office, and relevant ministries, sectors, and localities, and was connected online to 34 provinces and cities nationwide.

The Prime Minister commended the democratic, candid, and substantive dialogue between the Government and farmers. He directed the Government Office, in collaboration with the Viet Nam Farmersâ?? Union, to compile and submit conclusions for issuance, adhering to the "six clarities" principle: clear responsibilities, tasks, timelines, accountability, authority, and outcomes. Viet Nam is expected to fulfill all 15 out of 15 socio-economic targets, with agriculture, farmers, and rural areas making especially significant contributions.

Prime Minister iterated that Vietnam aims to be a high-income developed country by 2045, science and technology, innovation, and digital transformation are an inevitable pathway, and agriculture must be one of the leading sectors in this process. The Prime Minister encouraged all stakeholders in agriculture to continue building momentum, strength, and positioning for the development of agriculture, farmers, and rural areas in the new phase - a phase of rapid, sustainable growth and deep international integration.

The Prime Minister noted that, alongside the domestic market, expanding export markets is a long-term strategic task. **Viet Nam has now signed 17 free trade agreements with more than 60 economies**, creating vast opportunities for Vietnamese goods in general and agricultural products in particular. The long-term goal is to reach USD 100 billion in agricultural export turnover, linked to the development of national brands for each key product group.

Along with market expansion, the Prime Minister called for continued diversification of products and supply chains to avoid overreliance on a limited number of traditional markets, while also boosting domestic consumption and strengthening effective linkages among production, processing, and distribution.

Regarding infrastructure, the Prime Minister noted that around 50% of state development investment is currently allocated to strategic infrastructure, particularly transport. This helps reduce logistics costs, lower prices, and enhance the competitiveness of agricultural products, while opening up new development space for rural areas.

In addition, he urged further improvement of mechanisms to promote green, low-emission production and a circular economy, alongside stronger management of food safety, traceability, antiâ??trade fraud measures, and intellectual property protection, thereby laying a solid foundation for sustainable agricultural development.

Further, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment and the Vietnam Farmersâ?? Union is set to strengthening the â??three-party linkageâ?• among the State, educational institutions, and enterprises in training human resources for modern, high-tech, and green agriculture.

To achieve rapid and sustainable development, the Prime Minister stressed the need to mobilize all social resources in an integrated manner, including the state budget, private capital, credit, bonds, and public-private partnership (PPP) models such as BT and BOT. The State plays a role in creating enabling institutions, while enterprises must proactively propose investment projects, ensuring a harmonious balance of interests among the State, businesses, and farmers.