

Taiwan's Agri University collaborates with Philippines SEARCA

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Philippines headquartered "The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)" has collaborated with Taiwan's National Dong Hwa University (NDHU) on 30 March 2023.

SEARCA aligns with other global, regional and national organizations toward contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that address global challenges to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. The Center commits to contribute and allocate resources toward the achievement of five SDGs that directly align with its mandate and focus, with greater emphasis on creating partnerships (SDG17).

Led by vice president Prof. Yuan-Ron Ma the renowned university in Hualien, Taiwan NDHU benchmarked SEARCA's programs and activities on science and technology. He presented the essential ingredients in solidifying interdisciplinary agriculture fields such as agricultural biotechnology, agricultural chemistry, and agricultural economics.

Dr. Glenn Gregorio, SEARCA director. Dr. Gregorio emphasized the need to recognize such activities, to achieve SEARCA's Eleventh Five-Year Plan of [Accelerating Transformation Through Agricultural Innovation \(ATTAIN\)](#).

In line with its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), SEARCA expressed its interest in collaborating with NDHU.

NDHU delegation witnessed the SEARCA Hub for Agricultural and Rural Innovation for the Next Generation (SHARING) AgriMuseum, which features interactive displays on Southeast Asian agriculture and Agriculture 4.0 tools for prototyping.

Dr. Gregorio led the SEARCA contingent comprising Corinta Guerta, technical advisor to the director; Dr. Gerlie Tatlonghari, program head of Research and Thought Leadership Department (RTLTD); Ma. Christina Corales, program specialist and officer-in-charge, Emerging Innovation for Growth Department (EIGD); Ms. Monalinda Cadiz, program specialist and officer-in-charge, Applied Knowledge and Resources Unit (AKRU); and other SEARCA staff.