

## China-ASEAN cooperation to strengthen smart agriculture practices

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A new level of cooperation on agricultural development and food security will be achieved through collaboration with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), announced the Chinese Vice Premier Liu Guozhong.

Following the event, Li said, "China is eager to deepen cooperation with ASEAN members on green agriculture, smart agriculture, digital agriculture, and poverty relief and rural revitalization,"

Bilateral cooperation is expected to improve agricultural development resilience and sustainability and to ensure food security in an improved manner. Liu called on the two sides to advance the China-ASEAN comprehensive strategic partnership and help achieve the goals of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

At the opening ceremony of the ASEAN-China Year of Agricultural Development and Food Security Cooperation in Beijing, Liu, also a member of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks, stating that the event is an important step towards implementing the consensus on deepening cooperation.

Liu iterated that "Agriculture and food security are the bases for the achievement of peace, stability, and development, and they are key areas of cooperation between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), bringing great significance to the yearlong event"

Taking the ASEAN-China Year of Agricultural Development and Food Security Cooperation as a new starting point, Liu said "China is ready to work hand in hand with ASEAN countries to deepen cooperation, strengthen policy communication and coordination, improve the opening level of agricultural markets, promote personnel exchanges at all levels and in all fields, and promote cooperation on agricultural development and food security to a new level".

"It is conducive to jointly safeguarding global food security, coping with agricultural risks and challenges, and promoting high-quality agricultural development," he added.