Sharing Our Experience in Agriculture

Agriculture was once the mainstay of economic development in Taiwan. We struggled with many of the same problems presently confronting our partners, and overcame them with help from overseas. Once the fundamentals were sound, the agricultural sector released resources that could be used by other sectors. These resources – including large amounts of funds, labor and processed raw materials – provided a solid foundation for Taiwan's economic take-off.

Taiwan has been dispatching technical missions to assist overseas agricultural development for 50 years, and has devoted much effort to helping improve agricultural productivity. These efforts are in line with the development goals of eradicating poverty and reducing levels of malnourishment throughout the world.

Taiwan shares its subtropical and tropical climate with many of its developing partners; and usually, there are real parallels between us all that can be exploited to positive effect. Ultimately, we wish to share Taiwan's experience of nurturing three vital functions of agriculture: agricultural upgrading, farmers' welfare and rural development, and ecological conservation.