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## Workshop on Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine

**Projected training dates:** Mar. 19 – Apr. 1, 2020

**Application Period:** February 14, 2020

**Duration of workshop:** 14 days

**Number of participants:** 20

**How to apply :** Through the R.O.C (Taiwan) embassies, representative offices or Taiwan technical missions

**Target participants:** Government officials, executives, R&D personnel responsible for the development of animal and plant inspection and quarantine policy and actual implementation.

**Eligibility:**

- Age: Applicants under 50 years old
- Education: A college degree or above
- Language: A good command of English
- Experience: Applicants with at least two years' experience in related fields will be given preferential consideration

**Information to be provided in advance:** Application form

**Introduction:**

As international trade liberalization develops, the quantity and item of agricultural export goods increases, and as a result, the risk of disease and pest transmission also increases. Phytosanitary protection has become an important measure in international trade agreements. For an agricultural export country, when it is declared an endemic area, the production cost hikes, diminishing export quantity, reducing international competence, and impacting the agricultural export industry.

Take Taiwan for example, since the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth disease in pigs in 1997, pork production has dropped drastically and export was prohibited, causing over \$3.3 billion in economic losses and heavily striking the pork industry. However, due to the improving phytosanitary measures, Taiwan can finally apply to OIE as a disease-free area in 2019 and expects to receive the export license in 2020, hence returning to the international trading market.

This workshop focuses on the "WTO/SPS Agreement," "Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures," and "Agricultural Production and Certification Act," sharing the experience of phytosanitary measures and ending the epidemic of Taiwan to help the participants from our

allies achieving the phytosanitary system that fits international regulations.

## 1. Objectives:

- To improve on the phytosanitary measures and agricultural production safety rules to meet the requirement of international standards.
- To introduce the standards of WTO phytosanitary measures and the Global Food Safety Initiative.
- To implement concepts of agricultural production and certification management, improving the quality of agricultural production and marketing.
- To implement central emergency operation measures to help end the epidemics as soon as possible.

## 2. Contents:

- Meeting the sanitary and phytosanitary standards of export destinations
  - ✓ WTO/SPS Agreement: understanding the regulations of WTO/SPS Agreements.
  - ✓ Regulations for Systematic Inspection of Imported Food: understanding the related regulations of Taiwan's Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Building a comprehensive phytosanitary mechanism
  - ✓ Statute for Prevention and Control of Infectious Animal Disease and Plant Protection and Quarantine Act: setting up an epidemic reporting system and applying technological monitoring to strengthen border inspections.
  - ✓ Phytosanitary technology development program: promoting advancement in the methods of identification and diagnosis of important animal and plant pests.
- Building a production and certification system
  - ✓ Agricultural Production and Certification Act: introducing Global G.A.P. and implementing agricultural production and certification system to be in line with the international standards of safety quality food (SQF) certification.
- Visiting the first remote medical check-up services for plants in the country and understanding the international and domestic home visit services.

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